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Neo40: Is it a Miracle Supplement?

The following article is an interview between W.Gifford-Jones M.D. and the creator of Neo40 Dr. Nathan Bryan from the University of Texas.

Article taken from "The Doctor Game - W. Gifford-Jones M.D. September 8, 2012

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Several months ago I reported on a unique drug, **Neo40,** which has now been approved by Health Canada. To find out more about **Neo40**, now available in health food stores, I interviewed Dr. Nathan Bryan, Professor of Molecular Medicine at the University of Texas Health Center in Houston and creator of the formula.

G-J: What is Neo40?

NB: **Neo40** is a lozenge that contains L-Citrulline, an amino acid derived from protein, vitamin C, beet root and hawthorn, a potent combination that produces nitric oxide. Early in life our bodies manufacture large amounts of nitric oxide (NO). After age 40 production of NO decreases. This sets the stage for hypertension, kidney dysfunction, diabetes, heart attack or stroke, just to name a few major illnesses. It's called the "miracle molecule" because it helps so many diverse problems.

Dr. Nathan Bryan

G-J: Is there science behind its claims?

NB: The discovery of NO resulted in a Nobel Prize for three U.S. scientists and now over 130,000 scientific papers about this molecule have been published in medical literature. NO is produced in the inner lining of all blood vessels. Lay a single layer of these cells on a flat surface and it would occupy a soccer field . The cells cause arteries to relax, thus lowering blood pressure. But with insufficient NO, arteries constrict, resulting in hypertension, bringing increased pressure in the heart and other organs.

G-J: There must be more to NO than the dilation of blood vessels?

NB: Experiments show that NO prevents blood platelets from sticking together, decreases plaque formation and chronic inflammation in arteries, all factors that increase the risk of heart attack. Other research shows NO lowers triglycerides, bad cholesterol, and raises good cholesterol, and it prevents bone destruction from osteoclasts.

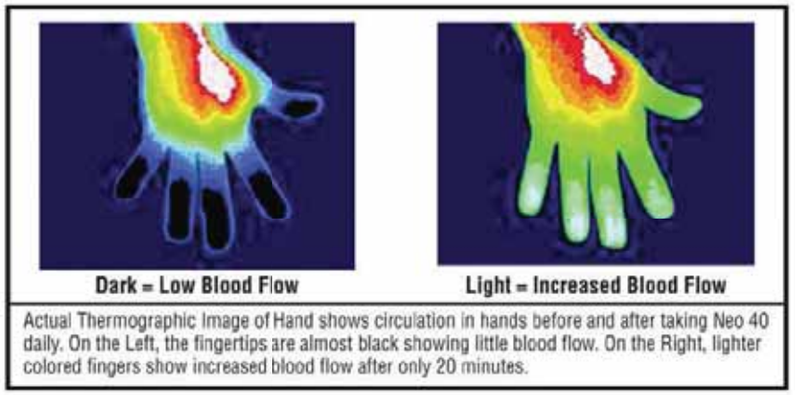
G-J: Can NO help the epidemic of type 2 diabetes?

NB: High blood sugar destroys the circulatory system and 50 percent of diabetes patients die of heart attack. Diabetes causes insulin resistance which makes it hard for glucose to enter cells. Raising NO levels helps to control these problems and also decreases the risk of diabetic ulcers and gangrene of the legs by improving blood flow.

G-J: Does NO help other conditions?

NB: Many people suffer from glaucoma, increased pressure in the eye. This is caused by a clogged trabecular mesh-work that drains fluid from the eye. Hungarian researchers report that NO may benefit this problem.

NB: 27 million Americans also suffer from asthma and its inflamed, constricted, mucous-clogged airways. Experts say it's due to pollution, allergies and stress. Now research at Hammersmith Hospital in London, England, reports that NO helps to maintain a biochemical balance in air passages and that it could be helpful in treating inflamed airways. Another Dutch study reports that NO can calm nerves in tightened airways and relax muscles.



Actual Thermographic Image of Hand shows circulation in hands before and after taking Neo 40 daily. On the Left, the fingertips are almost black showing little blood flow. On the Right, lighter colored fingers show increased blood flow after only 20 minutes.

G-J: Can patients increase the production of NO by natural means?

NB: The big problem is that obesity decreases NO and 50 percent of the population is overweight, so for them it's difficult to increase NO by dietary measures. Exercise can also boost NO levels, but people with endothelial dysfunction don't produce the same amount of NO during exercise as healthy people. We know that weight-loss surgery can boost NO by as much as 40 percent. But this is a radical and risky way to lose weight.

G-J: Are foods helpful?

NB: Leafy green vegetables such as Kale, Swiss Chard, Arugula, Spinach, Chicory, Wild Radish and Bok Choy are all high sources of bioactive NO. Dark chocolate and wine also increase NO.

G-J: What about the use of supplements?

NB: **Neo40** is the only answer if people refuse to change their lifestyle. This is one lozenge that must be dissolved slowly in the mouth twice a day until NO increases and then used once a day. **Neo40** is supplied with a quick saliva test to determine the current level of nitric oxide.

G-J: Dr. Bryan, it's been a pleasure to learn of your work at the Institute of Molecular Medicine. I'll consider your advice about Bok Choy. But it will be difficult to say no to one of your Texas steaks!

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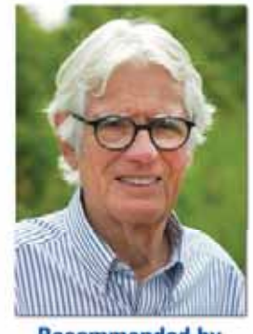

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NDP majority buries Prentice

ELECTION

44 years of PC rule ends resoundingly

Jeremy Nolais and Ryan Tumilty
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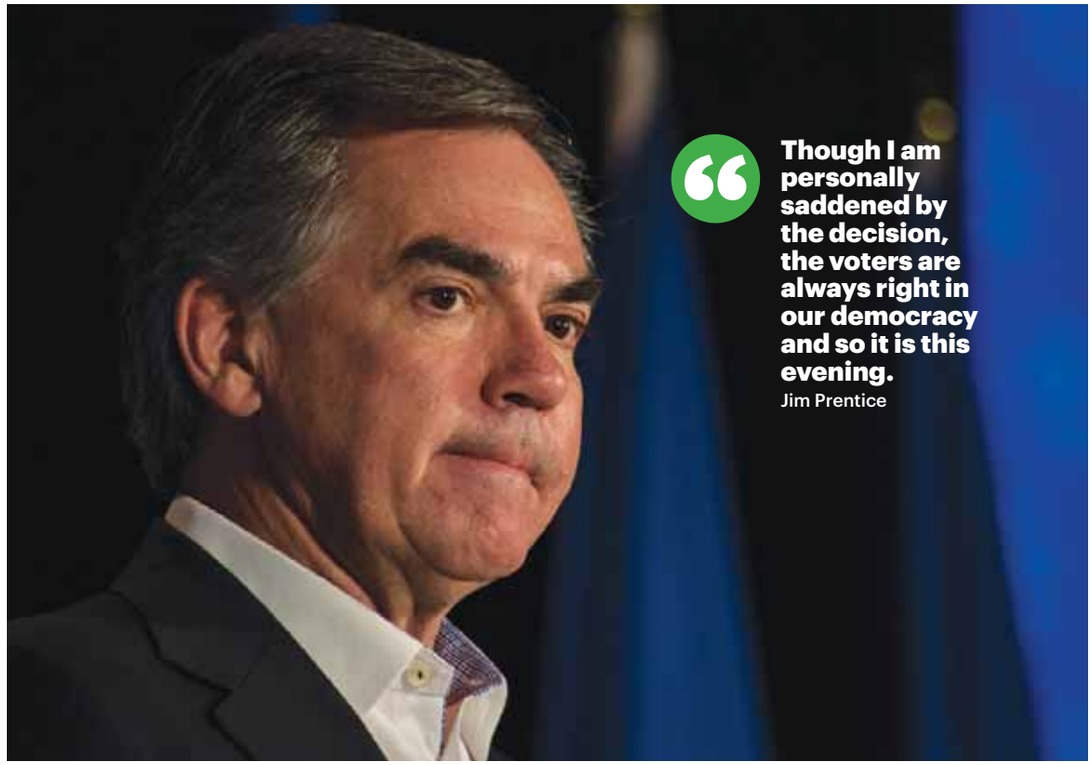
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Jim Prentice

Jim Prentice addresses the crowd in downtown Calgary at The Metropolitan Centre Tuesday night. He immediately resigned as leader of the Progressive Conservative party and MLA for Calgary-Foothills. JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

The ballroom roared as Rachel Notley took the stage Tuesday night, crashing through decades of history to end the Progressive Conservatives' reign and become the province's first NDP premier.

Some of her supporters held back tears and others simply wept as 44 years of hoping for change finally ended in victory. When the thunderous applause died down, Notley, a touch tearful herself, acknowledged the massive change she had wrought.

"I think we might have made a little bit of history tonight," she said. "Friends, I believe change has finally come to Alberta."

Notley's NDP had won or was leading in 54 of the province's 87 seats giving her a majority government.

She said her party would work for Albertans and give them a voice at the table.

"I want to pledge to you the people of Alberta that we will work everyday to earn your trust," she said.

She also extended a hand to the province's business community, some of which expressed doubts about an NDP government.

"Our government will be a good partner and we will work with you to grow our economy and secure a more prosperous future for every Albertan in every community," she said.

The party swept Edmonton, including many of the outlying communities, taking out cabinet ministers like Stephen Mandel and long-serving MLAs like Gene Zwozdesky.

The party also made considerable inroads in Calgary and rural Alberta paving the road to victory.

The NDP room was electric, as all of the major television networks declared the party winners and more and more candidates claimed their riding.

Supporter Keith Turnbull was overjoyed at the result. He said he ran for the party 11 years ago and got just 12 per cent of the vote.

"This is very different from that time," he said.

Seven months almost to the day after he took the reins of the Tory empire, Jim Prentice calmly took the stage at the downtown Calgary Metropolitan Centre and announced his immediate resignation. Polling had suggested that the NDP was on track for victory Tuesday, but few, if any, predicted the Progressive Conservatives would stumble to fewer than a dozen seats.

Prentice's stunning resignation drew gasps from a small contingent of supporters who gathered to watch his conciliation speech.

The crowd was starkly different that a raucous one in 2012 that gathered as the party soared to what many believed was an improbable win over the Wildrose.

"Though I am personally saddened by the decision, the voters are always right in our democracy and so it is this evening," Prentice told the solemn crowd, which had watched in agony as results trickled in over two hours.

"I share your disappointment," Prentice told the crowd, later adding, "I also accept responsibility for the decision that led up to this evening."

Prentice will also relinquish his post as MLA for Calgary-Foothills, a long-standing Tory stronghold that did stay in the party's corner Tuesday.

Doreen Barrie, a political scientist with the University of Calgary, said the NDP campaign was "flawless," and the PC effort was the exact opposite.

"There were so many gaffes, it was actually astounding," she said, adding Tuesday's result gave clear indication of Albertans' disgust with the long-standing government.

"The PC brand, it was so badly tarnished that they just wanted to get rid of them," she said.

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Calgary man in distress in Thailand after scooter crash

TRAVEL

Family fears Jason Hoffman may be used as 'meal ticket'

Jeremy Nolais
Metro | Calgary

Family members of a Calgary driller say they fear he's being viewed as a money-laden "meal ticket" by Thai authorities after he was involved in a collision in the country's capital.

Jason Hoffman had only been in Phuket for a few hours on April 17 when the scooter he was operating collided with a motorcycle carrying three people.

One woman, identified by media outlets as Pranee Pitaksaktamrong, was killed in the incident. Hoffman's femur was broken, and he suffered five fractures to his face, jaw and eye socket and some of his teeth were damaged.

He was initially treated by physicians, but was then arrested by police and shipped to prison.

At least one media story from Phuket quotes authorities claiming Hoffman was intoxicated with a blood-alcohol level of 0.195 at the time of the collision.

But older brother Clinton Hoffman told Metro in a phone interview there was no talk of his brother being drunk initially, and details about what will happen now to Jason are hard to come by.

Clinton said his brother is in "a lot of pain" and likely requires surgery to repair the fractures.

"It could be seen as a form of torture," Clinton said. "Throwing someone who's severely injured into general population in a Thai prison. It just doesn't sound right.

"I don't know why, maybe they see my brother as a meal ticket."

Originally, Clinton said his brother was told he would need $100,000 to pay his legal fees, medical bills and compensate the victim's family, but since then those numbers have "calmed down."

At last word, Jason had been released from custody, but authorities have seized his passport, preventing him from leaving the country.

Clinton said he's been in contact with his brother and Jason denies he was intoxicated. Even still, Clinton said he plans to go through the courts to clear his name.

"He will face the laws there and he will be judged according to the evidence against him," Clinton said. "Now, I hope the corruption in the area there does not have ties to the court system, but there's just so many questions we have. We just don't reasonably know what to expect and who to trust."

Clinton said regardless of the outcome, his family is working to raise funds for the victim's family and Jason has kept in close contact with them — they even supplied him a video of the memorial service.

Caitlin Workman, a spokeswoman with Canada's Foreign Affairs department, said her organization could not speak to specifics, but were "aware of a Canadian injured in Thailand."

"We are in contact with the individual's family and are providing consular assistance," she said in an email.

Meanwhile, Clinton said his brother's predicament should serve as a warning to others travelling abroad.

"Be aware of the risks that are associated with the area, be aware that it's a Third World country," he said, adding scooter collisions are very common in Thailand.

Clinton said he's optimistic his brother will return home and get his life back on track.

"This is going to be a life-changing event," he said.

Calgarian Jason Hoffman remains injured in Phuket, Thailand, and is facing criminal charges following a fatal collision. His family, however, said they fear he's not being treated fairly and needs more comprehensive medical treatment. CONTRIBUTED

> **We just don't reasonably know what to expect and who to trust.**
> Clinton Hoffman

IN BRIEF

Okotoks man identified as cyclist killed in crash

Okotoks resident Derek Kryevnchuk, 42, has been identified by RCMP as the cyclist killed in a collision with a motor vehicle Monday afternoon.

STARS and emergency services crews responded to the collision around 4 p.m. on Highway 7 about one kilometre east of Okotoks. Kryevnchuk was reportedly seen standing stationary on the side of the eastbound lanes when he was struck by a vehicle.

RCMP said Kryevnchuk was pronounced dead at the scene. The driver of the motor vehicle, a 41-year-old woman from High River, was not injured in the incident, and RCMP are still investigating the collision. METRO

Police seeking public's help tracking down home-invasion suspects

The Calgary Police Service is asking for the public's help in locating three suspects they believe are responsible for a home invasion Monday morning.

Police say at roughly 3 a.m., three men forced their way into a residence in the 100 block of Royal Oak Manor NW and held the people inside for a short time before fleeing with undisclosed items. Police say no injuries were reported.

The offenders are described as white males between the ages of 35 to 45, approximately five-foot-eight in height, with medium builds and what police believe are European accents.

At the time of the alleged offence, they were wearing black balaclavas, black jackets and black pants. METRO

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Body of Calgary woman found east of Airdrie: Mom

CRIME

Jessica Rae Newman, 24, went missing on March 10

Morgan Modjeski
Metro | Calgary

Family members of Jessica Rae Newman have confirmed a body found east of Airdrie on Monday afternoon is that of the missing 24-year-old.

Jessica's mother, Rhonda Stewart, said Tuesday that police contacted her at around 6 p.m. on Monday night to tell her they had found a body, and roughly half an hour later, local RCMP confirmed the identity to the family.

Newman, who worked as a server at Water Grill Steak House & Bar, was last seen in the Forest Lawn area around 9:30 p.m. on March 10.

"I'm sad of course that she's gone and we can't get her back — that the hope is gone," said Stewart.

"On the other hand, I know that the scenarios of her being trapped somewhere or abused … at least we know that she's not hurting anymore."

Newman's body was found east of Airdrie at roughly 4 p.m. when a work crew discovered the remains in a ditch in the area of Range Road 285 and Township Road 264.

Stewart said police told her the remains had been there for approximately eight weeks. An autopsy by the medical examiner is underway to determine cause of death and confirm Newman's identity.

Deeply saddened by the discovery, Stewart said her daughter will be remembered as a peaceful person and a loving mother to her three boys, aged 2, 5 and 8.

"She liked to be around people," Stewart said. "She was funny, she could laugh, she could laugh at herself, she had a great sense of humour and she loved her kids."

Calgary residents rallied behind Newman's family while police were searching and Stewart wanted to thank all of those who shared information and worked to locate her.

"I want to thank them for all their help and I hope their hearts heal fast from this," she said. "At least we have her now and we know."

She hopes the discovery of Newman's body will help police in their investigation and will help her and her family in their search for answers.

Calgary police homicide unit investigators are still on scene and are currently searching the area where the remains were found.

> **She was funny, she could laugh, she could laugh at herself, she had a great sense of humour and she loved her kids.**
> Rhonda Stewart, mother of Jessica Rae Newman

Jessica Rae Newman, seen here in an undated photo, went missing from the Forest Lawn area.
COURTESY CALGARY POLICE SERVICE

ALTERCATION

Mount Royal University apologizes to pro-life demonstrator

Jeremy Nolais
Metro | Calgary

Mount Royal University's president has apologized to a pro-life demonstrator for a 2013 altercation with security staff and has pledged to bolster training for officers in the future.

Nicholas McLeod, president of the Canadian Centre for Bio-Ethical Reform, ventured to the Calgary campus on Feb. 19, 2013, to distribute postcards containing graphic imagery.

It was then that he was approached by security guards and McLeod told Metro he began recording them. He said he was taken to a holding room and remained in handcuffs for three hours.

It wasn't until the next day, McLeod said, that he realized the memory card from his phone had gone missing.

Court records indicate guard Shannon Walter Courtorielle has accepted responsibility for stealing the memory card and was enrolled in an alternative measures program approved by a judge.

Since then, Mount Royal President David Docherty has written a letter to McLeod personally apologizing for the incident.

"Mount Royal University prides itself on creating a safe and welcoming environment for students, faculty and visitors to share ideas and debate topics from diverse viewpoints," Docherty wrote in the Oct. 31 letter. "We recognized that this was not the environment that you experienced and genuinely regret that the policies we have in place to encourage and facilitate free speech were not followed."

"We have, and will be, taking a number of steps to prevent future incidents like this."

Docherty said Mount Royal has a new security manager in place and will be conducting "supplementary training" to help officers better understand the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

McLeod, meanwhile, recently withdrew his court suit against Mount Royal for the 2013 incident. He said in an interview he was satisfied with Docherty's apology and pledge to improve training.

He said he recently returned to the university and was allowed to demonstrate freely.

"We were in the halls of the university and the security said they respected that we had the right to be there," he said. "They let us demonstrate and handout pamphlets without any issues."

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Mount Royal is not the only school to have hostile run-ins with pro-life demonstrators, as the University of Calgary was previously forced to overturn non-academic misconduct sanctions against seven students who'd continually put up pro-life billboards on the school's campus.

EARTHQUAKE RELIEF

Nepalese Calgarians organizing donations

Robson Fletcher
Metro | Calgary

Calgary's Nepalese community plans to hold a single-day fundraiser on Saturday.

Anyone interested is encouraged to drop off donations by cash or cheque which will go toward relief efforts in the aftermath of the massive earthquake that devastated the country.

"We thought if we did the on-site fundraising it would be easier for some people because, for some people, it isn't that easy to transfer money online or they have some reluctance," said Rishi Bastakoti, general secretary of the Calgary Nepalese Community Association (CNCA).

The April 25 earthquake killed more than 7,000 people and left hundreds of thousands of Nepalese homeless.

Bastakoti said the focus of relief workers in Nepal right now remains in "rescue and emergency response" and that the local Nepalese community — about 4,000 strong in Calgary — hopes to encourage as many donations as possible while the federal government is still matching contributions to registered charities.

That pledge ends on May 25.

Bastakoti said the "full amount" collected by the Calgary Nepalese Community Association will go toward the Canadian Red Cross and charities that are providing relief in Nepal, and tax receipts will be made available to donors.

"This is the first phase," he said of both local support efforts and those on the ground in Nepal.

"After that we will evaluate the situation and then we will make another plan for reconstruction."

More information is available at calgarynepalese.ca.

DONATIONS

The Calgary Nepalese Community Association plans to set up its On-Site Donation Booth at the Richmond Knob Hill Community Association, located at 2433 26 Ave. SW. The donation booth will be open on Saturday, May 9, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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ORANGE CRUSH

Alberta NDP makes historic breakthrough in Calgary

Jeremy Nolais
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Alberta NDP members outnumbered Progressive Conservatives two to one in Calgary at press time.

At one point, very early in the campaign, it seemed improbable the NDP would win a single seat, pinning hopes on Calgary-Fort representative Joe Ceci.

"You couldn't look at what had happened in the past to predict this outcome," said David Stewart, a political scientist with the University of Calgary.

He noted that the popular vote in Calgary didn't swing overly hard for the NDP, but many three-way races emerged that Stewart suspects the PCs weren't expecting. He said he was surprised that Liberal Leader David Swann remained the representative for Calgary-Mountain View and that Alberta Party Leader Greg Clark was able to earn a long-sought legislature seat in Calgary-Elbow.

"I thought the NDP wave that was coming would probably wash them away," he said. "Obviously, those were very personal results; going against the tide is very difficult."

The count at press time was 15 Calgary seats for the NDP, eight for the PCs, one for the Liberals — the party's only remaining seat in the province — and Clark's seat for the Alberta Party.

High-profile Tories without jobs as of Tuesday night included former justice minister Jonathan Denis, who had been embroiled in a marital scandal that hit the courts last week, Education Minister Gordon Dirks, Environment Minister Kyle Fawcett and Calgary-East mainstay Moe Amery.

Rick Hanson, the city's former police chief who suddenly resigned and then ran for the Progressive Conservatives in Calgary-Cross, also lost.

Voters across Calgary made their way to voting stations to cast ballots — this time for the Alberta NDP.
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> David Stewart, University of Calgary political scientist

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Results with vote count in Calgary's ridings

Calgary-Acadia
NDP - Brandy Payne (5,503)
WRP - Linda Carlson (4,981)
PC - Jonathan Denis (4,604)
LIB - Nicholas Borovsky (764)

Calgary-Bow
NDP - Deborah Drever (5,680)
PC - Byron Nelson (5,417)
WRP - Trevor Grover (3,753)
LIB - Matthew Gaiser (683)
AP - Jonathon Himann (466)

Calgary-Buffalo
NDP - Kathleen Ganley (4,671)
PC - Terry Rock (3,740)
LIB - David Khan (3,274)
WRP - Leah Wamboldt (1,354)

Calgary-Cross
NDP - Ricardo Miranda (4,602)
PC - Rick Hanson (4,502)
WRP - Moiz Ullah Mahmood (2,062)
LIB - Manjot Singh Gill (1,191)

Calgary-Currie
NDP - Brian Malkinson (7,317)
PC - Christine Cusanelli (4,493)
WRP - Terry DeVries (3,748)
LIB - Shelley Wark-Martyn (1,430)
AP - Tony Norman (1,126)

Calgary-East
NDP - Robyn Luff (5,502)
PC - Moe Amery (3,990)
WRP - Ali Waissi (3,630)
LIB - Naser Al-Kukhun (815)

Calgary-Elbow
AP - Greg Clark (8,709)
PC - Gordon Dirks (6,237)
NDP - Catherine Wellburn (3,620)
WRP - Megan Brown (1,791)
LIB - John Roggeveen (546)

Calgary-Fish Creek
PC - Richard Gotfried (6,200)
NDP - Jill Moreton (6,064)
WRP - Blaine Maller (5,560)
AP - Allison Wemyss (847)

Calgary-Foothills
PC - Jim Prentice (7,163)
NDP - Anne Wilson (5,748)
WRP - Keelan Frey (3,230)
LIB - Ali Bin Zahid (1,272)

Calgary-Fort
NDP - Joe Ceci (7,030)
PC - Andy Nguyen (3,201)
WRP - Jeevan Mangat (2,999)
LIB - Said Abdulbaki (475)
AP - Vic Goosen (410)

Calgary-Glenmore
NDP - Anam Kazim (7,015)
PC - Linda Johnson (7,015)
WRP - Chris Kemp-Jackson (5,058)
LIB - David Waddington (1,344)
AP - Terry Lo (718)

Calgary-Greenway
PC - Manmeet Bhullar (5,351)
NDP - Don Monroe (4,507)
WRP - Devinder Toor (2,595)

Calgary-Hawkwood
NDP - Michael Connolly (7,386)
PC - Jason Luan (6,321)
WR - Jae Shim (4,400)
AP - Beth Barberee (917)
LIB - Harbksh Singh Sekhon (733)

Calgary-Hays
PC - Ric McIver (6,671)
NDP - Carla Drader (5,143)
WRP - Bob Mailloux (4,562)
LIB - Shawn Emran (723)

Calgary-Klein
NDP - Craig Coolahan (8,105)
PC - Kyle Fawcett (4,832)
WR - Jeremy Nixon (4,204)
LIB - David Gamble (1,104)

Calgary-Lougheed
PC - Dave Rodney (5,895)
NDP - Mihai Ion (5,466)
WRP - Mark Mantei (4,780)
LIB - Leila Keith (833)

Calgary-Mackay-Nose Hill
NDP - Karen McPherson (6,158)
WRP - Kathy Macdonald (4,954)
PC - Neil Brown (4,604)
LIB - Prab Lashar (759)

Calgary-McCall
NDP - Irfan Sabir (3,700)
WRP - Happy Mann (3,096)
PC - Jagdeep Sahota (2,152)
LIB - Avinash Khangura (2,014)

Calgary-Mountainview
LIB - David Swann (7,177)
NDP - Marc Chikinda (5,674)
PC - Mark Hlady (4,698)
WRP - Terry Wong (2,073)

Calgary-North West
PC - Sandra Jansen (6,335)
NDP - Karen Mills (5,693)
WRP - Jeff Callaway (5,156)
AP - Christopher Blatch (1,177)
LIB - Neil Marion (934)

Calgary-Northern Hills
NDP - Jamie Kleinsteuber (6,652)
PC - Teresa Woo-Paw (5,342)
WRP - Prasad Panda (4,385)
LIB - Harry Lin (1,002)

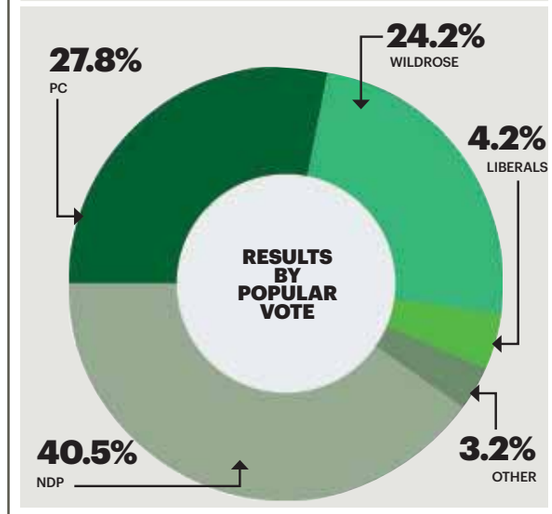
Calgary-Shaw
NDP - Graham Sucha (5,444)
PC - Jeff Wilson (5,352)
WRP - Brad Leishman (5,299)
LIB - Alexander Barrow (670)
AP - Evert Smith (661)

Calgary-South East
PC - Rick Fraser (7,663)
NDP - Mirical Macdonald (7,360)
WRP - Brandon Lunty (6,888)
LIB - G Gill (1,298)

Calgary-Varsity
NDP - Stephanie McLean (7,665)
PC - Susan Billington (5,179)
WRP - Sharon Polsky (2,389)
LIB - Pete Helfrich (1,733)

Calgary-West
PC - Mike Ellis (7,957)
NDP - Mizanur Rahman (4,691)
WRP - Gerard Lucyshyn (4,284)

ELECTION Vote breakdown (as of press time)



PROVINCIAL ELECTION

Rural Alberta gives Wildrose Opposition

While Calgary was awash with a sea of orange, the areas surrounding Alberta's largest city went meadow green.

The Wildrose party was vindicated in Tuesday's historic election, with Rockyview-Chestermere, Highwood, Strathmore-Brooks, Livingstone-Macleod, Airdrie and Little Bow all breaking for the party previously decimated by members crossing to the PC party in December 2014.

In Highwood, the riding of former Wildrose leader turned PC floor crosser Danielle Smith, Wayne Anderson overtook Okotoks town councillor Carrie Fischer by a margin, at press time, of nearly 1,500 votes. In Airdrie, Angela Pitt scored an 1,130-vote victory over the NDP's Chris Noble, with PC candidate and current Airdrie mayor Peter Brown in a close third.

In Strathmore-Brooks, where the Wildrose put one of the highest-profile candidates, tax watchdog Derek Fildebrandt, his party won by 2,000 votes over PC Molly Douglass and the NDP's Lynn MacWilliam combined.

Fildebrandt was ecstatic with his decisive victory.

"When I launched my campaign I was 20 points down in the polls locally before I decided to run," Fildebrandt told Metro.

"The PCs had offered me a deal as a PC candidate if I would endorse the floor-crossings. I rejected that deal and I took the harder path of the Wildrose and I do not regret my decision."

> **What we see tonight is that corruption, cynicism and backroom deals will not win out over hope and ethics.**
> Derek Fildebrandt

And despite the massive surge into the legislature by his lefter-leaning colleagues, Fildebrandt said the biggest winner was Albertans themselves.

"Tonight was a victory for democracy. I don't believe Albertans elected a socialist government; they just wanted a new government," Fildebrandt said.

"What we see tonight is that corruption, cynicism and backroom deals will not win out over hope and ethics."

DARREN KRAUSE/METRO, WITH FILES FROM HELEN PIKE

NDP smashes through in Calgary after 26 years

SEA OF CHANGE

Supporters celebrate in former PC stronghold

Robson Fletcher
Metro | Calgary

For the first time in 9,543 days, NDP supporters in Calgary tasted victory Tuesday night.

Scratch that.

They savoured it.

The last time any Calgary seat in the provincial legislature went to the Alberta NDP was March 20, 1989, when Barry Pashak was elected in the now-defunct constituency of Calgary-Forest Lawn and Bob Hawkesworth earned a seat in Calgary-Mountain View.

In the next six elections, the NDP was completely shut out of conservative-dominated Calgary, and mere weeks ago most supporters would have considered it a major victory to see just one star candidate — Joe Ceci in Calgary-Fort — elected to the legislature and break the party's 26-year shut-out in the city.

On Tuesday, they didn't just break it; they smashed it.

As of press time, NDP candidates were leading or elected in 15 of 25 Calgary constituencies, with one apparent tie in Calgary-Glenmore.

But such a sea of change in political fortunes is hard to wrap one's mind around, at first.

As the polls closed, Terrance Steere, who volunteered on NDP candidate Robyn Luff's campaign in Calgary-East, tempered any enthusiasm generated by the final series of public-opinion polls that gave his party a commanding lead.

"You want to believe all the polls that have been saying all the good things about the NDP but it's been so long that these conservatives have been around it's hard to completely accept it, even though it's what you want in your heart," he said at the party's election-night headquarters in Calgary.

NDP supporters cheer as results roll in, broadcast live on a projection screen at the party's election-night headquarters in Calgary.
ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

> **It's been so long that these conservatives have been around it's hard to completely accept it, even though it's what you want in your heart.**
> Terrance Steere, volunteer on NDP candidate Robyn Luff's campaign

Clutching a Joe Ceci sign and grinning nervously, Peter Stewart agreed, saying he felt a range of emotions all at once.

"Nervous, excited, enthusiastic," said the 21-year-old, who was just old enough to vote in the 2012 Alberta election but said he was nowhere near as politically engaged then as he is now.

Might he imagine not just a Ceci victory, but multiple NDP seats in Calgary?

"I don't want to jinx it," Stewart said, his grin widening.

Soon enough, though, as results rolled in from across Alberta, it dawned on him and the hundreds of hopeful NDP supporters packed into the Arrata Opera Centre that the election outcome few would have dared to dream when the writ was dropped had just become a reality.

An NDP majority government.

It was hard to believe. Numerous wide-eyed supporters described the situation as unimaginable, incredible, beyond their wildest dreams.

As the night went on, it began to sink in, especially as the booze began to flow in the former Wesley United Church and PC leader Jim Prentice came on the giant projection TV to concede defeat and announce his resignation.

The crowd began to chant: "Na, na, na, naah. Na, na, na, naah! Hey, hey, heeeey! Goodbye!"

But the biggest eruption of the night came as NDP Leader Rachel Notley approached the podium to give her victory speech in Edmonton.

NDP supporters in Calgary broke out in impromptu dancing in front of the projection screen as the premier-elect made her way to the microphone in the provincial capital. They settled down as she began to speak and hung on her every word, cheering wildly each time she paused.

For Stewart, the moment was sweet.

"We've been working so hard," he said. "We deserve the celebration."

CALGARY-ACADIA

Riding votes for change

Morgan Modjeski
Metro | Calgary

Voters in the city's Calgary-Acadia riding have made it clear they want change and they want it painted orange.

On Tuesday, NDP candidate Brandy Payne came out the victor following a three-way race between Wildrose party candidate, Linda Carlson and former Justice Minister Jonathan Denis, dashing his hopes of a second term in the riding.

Payne took the lead early on in the evening, beating out her opponents with a total of 5,503 votes, surpassing the 4,981 votes cast for the Wildrose Party and 4,604 for the PCs.

Before Payne was declared the winner, the incumbent Denis admitted that he had lost the race and he wished Payne all the best.

"First off, I want to say congratulations to Brandy. I've never met her, but I wish her well as the representative in the area," he said.

The result in Calgary-Acadia was one that may have come as a surprise to many political pundits, as the now-former Justice Minister's riding was considered a stronghold for the PC Party.

When asked if he felt a recent Emergency Protection Order filed against him by his estranged wife Breanna Palmer had any impact on the race, he said it didn't.

"Not at all," he said. "In fact, it even assisted our campaign. Many people felt sympathy for me with the untrue allegations."

Denis said he would like to see both the Wildrose and the Progressive Conservatives unite.

"If you would have put the Wildrose and the PC vote together, we would have had a much different result."

LIBERAL REACTION

David Swann retains seat, party loses ridings to Notley's NDP

Jeremy Nolais
Metro | Calgary

David Swann is the last Liberal standing in Alberta's legislature.

The party leader and Calgary-Mountain View representative since 2004, Swann staved off challenges from the PCs and NDP. But the party's other three ridings in Calgary and the Edmonton-Centre seat all fell to NDP newcomers.

Still, Swann remained upbeat.

"Albertans are the winners," he told reporters gathered at party headquarters. "They called for change, they got change. Alberta Liberals have been working for change for decades and I think we should all feel good about the change we've seen tonight."

The party had appeared on course for a rough campaign, as both Calgary-Buffalo representative Kent Hehr and Calgary-McCall member Darshan Kang resigned to run in the upcoming federal election.

In Buffalo, Hehr had endorsed lawyer David Khan, but he only mustered a third-place finish behind both PC arts advocate Terry Rock and riding winner Kathleen Ganley, a labour and employment lawyer representing the NDP.

The party fell even harder in McCall, with Avinash Khangura placing fourth — Irfan Sabir, another NDP member who is a lawyer by trade, ran to victory.

Up north in Edmonton-Centre, incumbent Liberal Laurie Blakeman, who announced she was running not only for the Liberal red but also the Greens and Alberta Party, finished second, but her vote total was more than doubled by NDP winner and city adviser David Shepherd.

Swann said he's open to working "in a constructive way" with the NDP government. Still, he conceded his party has much work to do to regain a portion of the legislature.

"We have to go to Albertans and find out where we missed the mark, what are the kinds of issues they want us to stand for that we haven't been," Swann said.

Alberta Liberal Leader David Swann. METRO FILE PHOTO

Former chief of police and defeated PC Candidate in Calgary-Cross, Rick Hanson, speaks with his supporters at his campaign headquarters on Tuesday evening.
MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO

Calgary-Cross falls to the NDP

PROVINCIAL ELECTION

PC candidate considers recount in tight race

Morgan Modjeski
Metro | Calgary

The riding of Calgary-Cross has gone to the NDP.

Final numbers show that NDP candidate Ricardo Miranda has won the Calgary-Cross riding by a mere 100 votes, after beating out PC candidate and former chief of the Calgary Police Service, Rick Hanson.

Miranda, who was leading for the majority of election night, spoke to Metro before the polls closed, but noted he fought a hard-race and was hopeful about the results.

"We are very hopeful and we are very excited about what's going on and the energy in the room," he said from the NDP election headquarters at the Arrata Opera Centre in Calgary.

"We ran a very good campaign," he added later.

Hanson's supporters at his headquarters were quiet as results rolled in, as much of the province saw a massive shift from PC blue to NDP orange.

Appearing before final totals were in to thank his volunteer staff and his supporters, Hanson said they knew it was going to be a tough race to begin with.

"I think everyone knew it was going to be close," said Hanson.

"From the first week we started knocking on doors, we knew that it was going to be close, that there were people who were upset about certain things," he said.

"I don't think I can say that how close it was was a big surprise. What I can say is that we knocked on every door in my constituency and talked to a whole-heck of a lot of people," he said, noting earlier he couldn't have done it with out his supporters.

> **"I think everyone knew it was going to be close.**
> Calgary-Cross PC candidate Rick Hanson

When asked if he would be calling for a recount due to the close results, he said it's "too early" to tell.

Total poll numbers out of Calgary-Cross had Hanson pegged at 4,502 votes and Miranda with 4,602.

PROVINCIAL ELECTION

What might an NDP Alberta look like? Here are some of the party's key pledges

The NDP have won a majority in Alberta. What could Alberta look like moving forward? Leader Rachel Notley campaigned on having the wealthy pay more to fund better health care and education. Here's a look at some of the party's key platform planks:

1. A Resource Owners' Rights Commission to review the royalties oil companies pay to the province with any amount earned above the current rates going into savings.

2. A boost in the corporate tax rate to 12 per cent from 10 per cent and an increase in the minimum wage to $15 an hour by 2018.

3. More tax brackets on high earners than the Tories are proposing: A 12 per cent tax rate on income between $125,000 to $150,000; 13 per cent on income between $150,000 to $200,000; 14 per cent between $200,000 and $300,000 and 15 per cent over $300,000.

The NDP also plans to roll back the Tory health levy.

4. The creation of 2,000 long-term care spaces over four years.

5. A ban both corporate and union donations to political parties.

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Greg Clark ousts Gordon Dirks

Alberta Party Leader Greg Clark emerges triumphant with his family, after ousting former Calgary-Elbow PC MLA Gordon Dirks.
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ELECTION

Alberta Party Leader earns party's first seat

Anna Brooks
Metro | Calgary

Alberta Party Leader Greg Clark will now take a seat in the provincial legislature, after getting the better of Progressive Conservative Gordon Dirks in a Calgary-Elbow rematch from the October byelections.

Beating out Dirks by more than 1,800 votes, an elated Clark said he's determined to put his policies to practice.

"Flood mitigation is going to be a very big focus for me," Clark said. "Tomorrow is Day 1 of continuing to build the Alberta Party — there are no shortcuts. As the MLA for Calgary-Elbow, my No. 1 job is to stand up for my neighbours."

Clark also said on top of flood mitigation, reasonable class sizes and healthcare will be main priorities for him.

"You voted for better access to healthcare and permanent solutions for all of the seniors and patients who are languishing around the hallways in hospitals all around the province," Clark said in his speech at the Marda Loop Community Centre.

Clark was adamant that he couldn't have made it this far without his dedicated team of volunteers. "I feel fantastic," he said.

"This is a victory really about the people on our team. We had the most remarkable group of volunteers I have ever worked with in my life. I just happen to be the guy at the head of the parade."

Alberta Party volunteer Nigel Kirk said he's excited to finally see Clark taking a seat in the Alberta legislature, especially after such a close race leading up to Tuesday night's big win for Clark.

"Dirks is a great guy, but I don't think he represented my interests very well," Kirk said. "The issues that are important to me are the issues important to Greg. It's not just party rhetoric — these issues matter to him, and I'm glad we finally have a voice like that."

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ELECTION

Mandel heads for the exit

Leah Holoiday
Metro | Edmonton

It was a first for Stephen Mandel Tuesday night, after the three-time Edmonton mayor lost his seat in the provincial legislature.

Mandel — who had won the Edmonton-Whitemud riding just six months ago with more than 40 per cent of the vote — lost to NDP's Bob Turner.

The final tally showed Turner clinched 57 per cent of the vote, while Mandel trailed with a mere 32 per cent.

"Quite clearly the people of Whitemud have spoken," Mandel said, in his concession speech. "It was a good campaign. There was no underhandedness, and it was nice to see that."

Flanked by Matt Jeneroux and Chris Labossiere — who both lost to NDP candidates in their Edmonton-South West and Edmonton Rutherford — Mandel told a crowd of campaign volunteers and supporters it was a challenge to see the Progressive Conservatives face such a defeat, especially in Edmonton.

The former city councillor and mayor had run in the October byelection, but only after then-premier Jim Prentice appointed him to the province's health portfolio in September.

"It's been a real thrill and honour to be the health minister for the period of time that I was," he said. "It was also a thrill to represent Whitemud, which is an amazing community and great group of people."

Former health minister and Edmonton mayor Stephen Mandel walks past a group of supporters Tuesday after he lost his seat during the Alberta election. KEVIN TUONG/FOR METRO

> **"I think the Prentice government made some errors. They didn't respond to the needs of Albertans."**
> NDP's Bob Turner

Edmonton-Whitemud, once considered a conservative strong hold, had been former MLA Dave Hancock's riding since 1997, until he stepped down and Mandel stepped up. Turner, who faced off against Mandel just in the byelection and lost by a heavy margin, credited his party's leader with the turnaround.

"The major difference was Rachel Notley leading an atmosphere of very positive change," he said. Turner also said the Tories were badly out of touch with voters, which helped secure the NDP majority.

"I think the Prentice government made some errors. They didn't respond to the needs of Albertans," he said.

Caitlin Prater-Haacke, the teenager from Airdrie behind Positive Post-it day, says she wants to be prime minister one day. CONTRIBUTED

Airdrie teen to give TEDx talk in NYC

ANTI-BULLYING ADVOCACY

Positive Post-it Day founder spreading her message

Helen Pike
Metro | Calgary

Imagine going to sleep one night discouraged after an act of bullying, and waking up the next a positivity advocate with hundreds of thousands of fans — that is now the life of Caitlin Prater-Haacke.

The 17-year-old from Airdrie started "Positive Post-it Day" and her push for positivity has taken off. She's done interview after interview on the anti-bullying campaign and is now headed to New York where she will complete one of her many dreams (aside from becoming prime minister) — to speak at a TEDx talk.

"I'm talking about how an act of positivity or an act of kindness can help combat bullying and help combat negativity," Prater-Haacke said, adding she has practised the speech, which she tweaked from a previous talk at the University of Lethbridge, in front of family dozens of times already.

On May 14, she will fly down for a dress rehearsal to warm up her pipes, then on May 16 she gives her talk for TEDx teen.

"It's never been about the recognition; it's never been about the fans. It's been about spreading my message of positivity," Prater-Haacke said.

"Getting to be up there and say I am living proof that one piece of paper can change the world and one act of positivity can completely alter our conversation, getting to be up there to say it to all these people, is just going to be amazing."

Her life has been a whirlwind since the inaugural Positive Post-it Day in October.

> **These people are absolute geniuses, and I feel really honoured.**
> Caitlin Prater-Haacke

After a bullying incident, the teen locked herself in her room and went to work at a stack of 800 Post-it notes, writing a positive message on each one. The next day — telling her mom it would be an anonymous act —she plastered the school with positivity.

"Within a week it had gone viral," she said, adding the numerous news stories about her act is why TEDx reached out to have her speak.

"It's a little bit overwhelming," she said referring to some of the other speakers at the event. "These people are absolute geniuses, and I feel really honoured."

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Study shows work trends

EMPLOYMENT

Millennials less likely to stand up for themselves

Anna Brooks
Metro | Calgary

A new LinkedIn study revealed more than 50 per cent of Calgarians are willing to voice their concerns at work compared to 40 per cent in Toronto. ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

Are you willing to stand up to your boss?

Apparently, more than half of Calgarians are.

A recent work-study by LinkedIn revealed that Calgarians are more willing to voice their concerns to an authoritative figure than other places in Canada like Toronto, where only 40 per cent of employees said they'd be willing to vocalize concerns at work.

Melanie Peacock, a certified human resource professional in Calgary, said the skewed numbers might be due to how employees in different cities perceive the job and labour market.

The study also revealed that 52 per cent of Calgarians would be completely honest if they'd been fired from a past job, while only 24 per cent of Torontonians would admit to a past job loss.

Peacock said there seems to be a perception that it's easier to find another job in Calgary than Toronto, rendering Calgary employees more likely to stand up to authority figures in the workplace.

"People in Toronto would think that it's not as easy to pick up and find another job," Peacock explained.

"People in Calgary have the mentality that if I don't like this, then I can move along and find something else. That's why they're more apt to feel comfortable voicing an opinion or disagreeing with the boss."

Despite a lower percentage of what are referred to as "yes" employees in Calgary, Peacock said her own research has shown this is not the case for millennials (people ages 16 to 26). She explained millennials are more likely to be complacent either because they don't expect to be at a job for the long haul or, on a more concerning level, because they're fearful of speaking up.

"They're new employees — they don't have the same experience and they're afraid to voice their opinions," Peacock said.

"But either way, it's scary to me because if you have too many 'yes people' in an organization, all research shows that organization will never be as effective or successful."

IN BRIEF

Exhibits teach emergency preparedness

It's Emergency Preparedness Week and in Calgary families can head down to Disaster Alley to learn how to be ready for the worst.

Join first responders and others at McMahon Stadium Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be over 30 exhibitors like the Calgary Fire Department, Calgary Police Service, Alberta Health Services, ATCOGas, ENMAX, and many more. METRO

Spring cleaning is in the air

The City of Calgary said this year there are 112 Community Cleanup weekends scheduled — a 15 per cent increase from last year.

To kick off the summer's cleanups was the community of Montgomery and Marilyn Wannamaker, Montgomery Community Association president said it was a huge success.

"The Community Cleanup is a great initiative to get residents involved with their community association. It's a great example of people working together to create a better community." METRO

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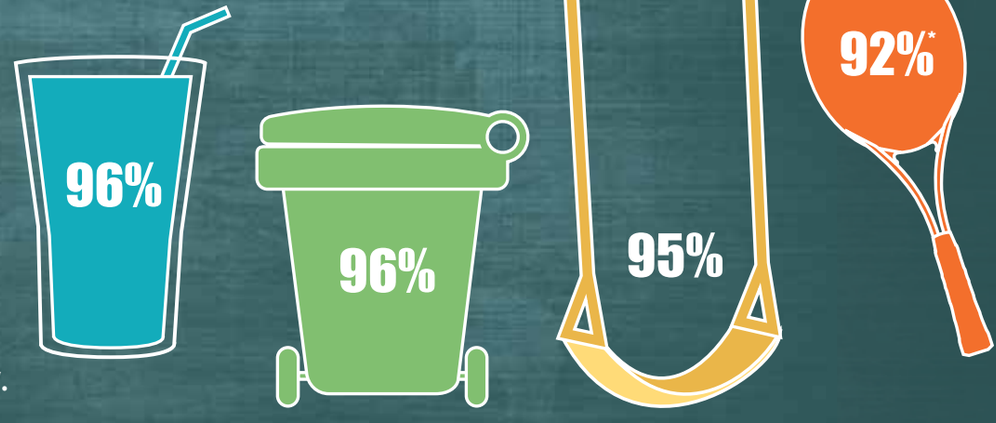

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Remembering: 70 years after WWII

Canadian Second World War navy veteran Bert Reynolds, 88, of Penetanguishene, Ont., kisses six-month-old Siem Henken, held by his father during VE-Day celebrations on Tuesday in Wageningen, Netherlands. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

CEREMONY

Canadian veterans honoured in Netherlands

It was 70 years ago Tuesday that the guns fell nearly silent along the Canadian and British lines in Holland.

The war in northwestern Europe was almost over and Pte. Frank Graham, who'd fought with the Canadian 1st Division all through Sicily, Italy and Holland, found himself thunderstruck.

"When I heard they'd given up, I thought, no they don't," said Graham, 92.

The BBC announced the ceasefire the night before, on May 4, 1945, yet Graham said he'd been disappointed by rumours before.

Seven decades on, Graham was part of a sentimental parade of veterans who rolled past a reviewing stand in vintage army vehicles outside of the hotel where the capitulation was made official.

As was evident on their faces, it was a bittersweet moment for the old soldiers in this tranquil, leafy town as they mingled with actors dressed in the uniforms they used to wear and rode in trucks and jeeps they had once driven.

Heavy thunder threatened Tuesday's parade and even cancelled a photo opportunity Prime Minister Stephen Harper had planned with the veterans.

> **Freedom would not be as we know it today without you.**
> Gen. Tom Middendorp, the Dutch chief of defence

It was far cry from the breezy, cold day in 1945 when Col.-Gen. Johannes Blaskowitz, commander of all German forces in the Netherlands and Denmark, showed up at the wrecked Hotel de Wereld.

Canadian Lt.-Gen. Charles Foulkes accepted the surrender in a simple ceremony, which was to be followed two days later by the more formal unconditional surrender of all German forces accepted by Allied supreme commander U.S. Gen. Dwight Eisenhower at Reims, France.

Despite the general ceasefire on May 5, 1945 in the Canadian sector, troops continued to die for at least three more days, said Canadian War Museum historian Jeff Noakes.

Unlike the First World War, where the last direct fire casualty was recorded just before 11 o'clock on Nov. 11, it is tough to determine who — precisely — was the last soldier to die in Europe when the shooting stopped. The last Canadian to die in the Second World War was killed in the Pacific some months later. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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WINNIPEG

Family of man who died during ER wait can sue: Manitoba court

Manitoba's highest court has ruled that the family of a man who died during a 34-hour hospital emergency room wait can sue the health authority for a breach of charter and privacy rights.

Lower courts struck out the heart of the lawsuit filed by the family of Brian Sinclair, ruling his loved ones couldn't sue because those rights died with him in 2008.

Lawyers for Sinclair's family argued it was absurd that the family of a man who died because he didn't receive proper care couldn't sue because he was dead.

After eight months, the Manitoba Court of Appeal said that the lawsuit should be allowed to proceed.

Vilko Zbogar, one of the family's lawyers, said the ruling has important implications for the evolution of charter law, as well as the family's pursuit of justice.

"It's important to the family to have vindication for Brian Sinclair's death and it's very important to them to hold the institutions who were responsible accountable for their conduct," he said.

The appeal court also restored the family's right to sue the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority for disclosing private health information about Sinclair after his death.

The 45-year-old double amputee died of a treatable bladder infection caused by a blocked catheter while waiting for care at Winnipeg's Health Sciences Centre. THE CANADIAN PRESS

COURT

Khadr's bail remains in limbo

Any hopes Omar Khadr had of tasting freedom for the first time in almost 13 years were dashed Tuesday when an Alberta justice said she wanted more time to consider whether he should be released on bail.

Court of Appeal Justice Myra Bielby said she would decide Thursday whether to grant the federal government's request to keep him behind bars despite a lower court order that he be freed.

Khadr showed little emotion as he was led from court, but one of his lawyers, Dennis Edney, was disappointed with the decision.

> **When I listen to the argument from the government ... it's all smoke and mirrors.**
> Dennis Edney, lawyer for Omar Khadr

"Of course, I'd like to grab him, throw him in the car, take him home," Edney said outside court.

At issue is an April 24 order from Court of Queen's Bench Justice June Ross that Khadr, 28, should be given bail pending his appeal of his war crimes conviction in the United States.

He was due for release as early as Tuesday under Ross's order and Edney had arrived with a bag of clothes, fully prepared to take Khadr home. THE CANADIAN PRESS

FORMER PM HOW OLD DOES HE LOOK? A photo of ex-prime minister Sir Wilfrid Laurier is shown after being processed through the website "How Old Do I Look." People uploading photos of their faces to the site are giving Microsoft the right to use the pictures for nearly any purpose, privacy experts say. THE CANADIAN PRESS HANDOUT

600 hit by immigration fraud: Police

JOB RECRUITMENT

Toronto woman faces 73 charges in alleged scheme

More than 600 people around the world fell victim to an alleged immigration fraud scheme run by a Toronto woman, who now faces 73 charges in an expanding investigation.

Toronto police announced fresh charges against Imelda "Mel" Fronda Saluma, 46, on Tuesday, saying her victims have allegedly been defrauded of over $2.3 million.

"She did prey on people's hopes to get them over here, because everybody wants to get to a better place," said Det.-Const. Erwin Mendoza.

The probe into Saluma's activities began in October, after police were contacted with allegations that a large number of people had been defrauded by a Toronto-based recruiting agency dealing primarily with immigrant workers.

It was alleged that individuals, their family members and friends from other countries were recruited for jobs in Canada by the agency, identified as GoWest Jobs International.

Payment was allegedly requested so that positive documents, references and employment contracts could be provided to applicants, but police said those documents were fake.

An application would then allegedly be submitted to government agencies in the foreign countries on the victims' behalf.

The applicants would subsequently be denied entry to Canada due to the fraudulent documents submitted on their behalf, and the applicant would be banned from reapplying for two years, police said.

"It's pretty tough for all of the foreign applicants to come up with the applicant fees that this company was looking for," said Mendoza, adding that Saluma's agency allegedly asked for between $1,500 to $5,000 from its victims.

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INFORMATION

"Mel" Fronda Saluma's alleged victims were based in Canada and six other countries, including the Philippines, Taiwan and Hong Kong.

Most of the victims were of Filipino descent.

Anyone who thinks they may be a victim or know a victim is being asked to contact authorities.

CONFUSION OVER SEX

Most Canadians can't define 'consent': Poll

An online poll commissioned by the Canadian Women's Foundation suggests most Canadians lack knowledge about the definition of sexual consent.

According to Canadian law, consent is the voluntary agreement to engage in sexual activity, which can be withdrawn at any time.

While 96 per cent of Canadians agreed that sex should always be consensual, 67 per cent of those surveyed didn't fully understand what that means.

Only a third of the respondents identified that consent can be revoked at any time during a sexual encounter.

About one in 10 Canadians believed consent is not required, or didn't know if it's required, between spouses or long-term partners. THE CANADIAN PRESS

TRACKING 'POOPETRATOR'

Landlord demands doggie doo samples

A B.C. landlord has unleashed his inner pet detective with demands that residents who own about 30 dogs submit samples of their animal's excrement to pinpoint the 'poopetrator' fouling the stairwell.

A letter to tenants of the three-storey suburban Vancouver apartment building says technology exists to identify the dog that left a mess twice — and non-compliance will result in eviction.

DNA analysis has been available for about a year in Canada through a company called PooPrints.

Maggie Ashley, with PooPrints, says hundreds of strata councils across Canada are considering gathering the DNA of residents dogs.

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MUDSLIDE

Police recover 60 bodies

Emergency workers have recovered the bodies of 60 people — including nine foreigners — who were killed when Nepal's earthquake triggered a mudslide that buried a village in the scenic Langtang Valley popular with tourists.

Residents of the village, also called Langtang, said Tuesday that as many as 200 people could have been killed by tons of earth and mud unleashed in the devastating April 25 quake.

"The entire village was wiped out by the mudslide. There were some 60 houses there, but they were all buried under rubble. It will be impossible to recover all the bodies," said Gautam Rimal, the top government official in the Rasuwa district.

The Langtang Valley, about 60 kilometres north of Nepal's capital, Kathmandu, is now about a two-day hike from the nearest town because the landslide has blocked nearby roads.

While helicopters allow easy access, they remain in short supply because of aid missions across parts of Nepal.

The April 25 earthquake killed more than 7,500 people and injured more than 14,000 as it flattened mountain villages and destroyed buildings and archaeological sites in Kathmandu.

Authorities say up to one-third of Kathmandu's residents have left since the quake. In the first days, bus stations were jammed with people fearing aftershocks or trying to get home to relatives in devastated villages. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Video shows migrants fleeing stricken dinghy

MEDITERRANEAN

Several feared drowned, as many travellers cannot swim

Young men piled over each other, some shimmying up ropes dangling from the towering rescue ship and others falling into the churning sea. Women and children were the last off the stricken dinghy during a chaotic Mediterranean rescue in which at least five migrants died and more were feared drowned.

Dramatic footage shot by a seaman aboard the Maltese freighter showed the weekend rescue of more than 100 West Africans aboard the flimsy boat off the coast of Libya. Survivors were brought Tuesday to the Sicilian port of Catania.

The video highlights the danger of marine rescue, where safety and tragedy too often lie just moments apart. With tens of thousands trying to cross the sea on small boats launched by human traffickers from Libya — and hundreds dying in the attempt — the question of how best to save migrants from drowning has taken centre stage in Europe.

Crew members interviewed by The Associated Press said everyone aboard the cargo ship Zeran had undergone rescue training. But while a previous rescue several weeks ago happened calmly without any loss of life, on Sunday elation at the prospect of being saved quickly turned to panic.

Dramatic footage emerged Tuesday showing a Mediterranean Sea rescue of migrants on a sinking rubber boat. The migrants desperately clamber up ropes and a ladder from the cargo ship Zeran that came to their aid in the sea between Libya and Sicily on Sunday. Five bodies were recovered and brought ashore Tuesday along with the survivors. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Unaware that they would be thrown a ladder, frantic migrants trampled over one another to reach the ropes that were meant to hold it in place, with some dangling precariously as they clambered along the lines to reach the tall freighter.

> **Someone grabbed onto the rope. All the other people started pushing to try to save themselves, but the people started falling in the water.**
> Astoy Fall Dia, 24, a migrant from Senegal

Some jumped or fell overboard to catch lifesavers tossed into the water by crew members. Others emptied jerry cans of gasoline to use as floats, as the dinghy — already deflated at the front — began taking in water.

"Easy! Easy!" implored a crew member from Zeran's deck.

"There was the big ship there, and they threw down ropes," Astoy Fall Dia, a 24 year-old migrant from Senegal, told The Associated Press after disembarking from the cargo ship.

"Someone grabbed onto the rope. All the other people started pushing to try to save themselves but the people started falling in the water."

Dia said she survived because she stayed close to the dinghy and because she knew how to swim — unlike most of the migrants who come from poor African countries.

Five bodies were recovered from inside the dinghy, floating amid garbage and water that had seeped in, though it wasn't clear if they died in the final rush to be rescued, as one crew member maintained, or during the crossing.

At least another five to nine people fell into the water and drowned, said the seaman who shot the video, though one man floating away with the current and clinging to a lifesaver was rescued by crew on a Zeran lifeboat.

The seaman and other crew members spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to the media.

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CINCO DE MAYO BATTLE OF PUEBLA Residents dressed as Zacapoaxtla Indians, left, and French soldiers, right, clash during a re-enactment of the Battle of Puebla during Cinco de Mayo celebrations in Mexico City, Tuesday.
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California falls short in drought

WATER

Governor's conservation goal wasn't met in March

Californians conserved little water in March and local officials were not aggressive in cracking down on waste, state regulators reported Tuesday, saying residents and communities again fell short of Gov. Jerry Brown's voluntary water savings target.

The State Water Resources Control Board received the update as it considers sweeping mandatory emergency drought regulations to protect water supplies in the parched state.

Brown has argued that the voluntary targets were insufficient and that Californians needed a jolt to take conservation seriously.

A survey of local water departments released at the start of the two-day meeting shows water use fell less than 4 per cent in March compared with the same month in 2013. Overall savings have been only about 9 per cent since last summer, even though Brown set a voluntary 20 per cent target.

Lush lawns and verdant landscapes are first on the chopping block under the rules being considered, which would bar cities from using drinking-quality water on street median grass and encourage homeowners to let lawns go brown to meet local mandatory water-reduction targets.

The board plans to order each city to cut water use by as much as 36 per cent compared to 2013, the year before the governor declared a drought emergency.

The regulations before the board would also ban new California homes and buildings from watering lawns unless they meet new efficiency standards. With public comments, a vote on the rules might not come until Wednesday.

The board has already adopted other water restrictions: Californians cannot water lawns two days after rainfall, wash cars with hoses that don't shut off or hose down pavement, hotels must offer guests a chance to reuse sheets and towels and restaurants can only serve water upon request.
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INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

U.S. approves first ferry to Cuba in decades

The Obama administration approved the first ferry service in decades between the United States and Cuba on Tuesday, potentially opening a new path for the hundreds of thousands of people and hundreds of millions of dollars in goods that travel between Florida and Havana each year.

Baja Ferries, which operates passenger service in Mexico, said it received a licence from the U.S. Treasury Department.

Robert Muse, a lawyer for Baja Ferries, said he believed other ferry service petitions had also been approved. The Treasury Department said it could not immediately confirm that, but the Sun-Sentinel newspaper in Florida said approvals also were received by Havana Ferry Partners of Fort Lauderdale, United Caribbean Lines Florida in the Orlando area and Airline Brokers Co. of Miami.

Muse said Baja had yet to request approval from Cuba but added that he was optimistic the service would allow a significant increase in trade and travel between the two countries.

The Cuban government made no immediate comment on the news, and it is far from clear that it is willing or able to allow a major new channel for the movement of goods and people between the two countries.

"I think it's a further indication of the seriousness of the Obama administration in normalizing relations with Cuba," said Muse, an expert on U.S. law on Cuba. "We're now going from the theoretical to the very specific."

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U.K. vote a fight to the finish

BRITISH ELECTION

Politicians in mad dash to convert the undecided

Britain's political leaders crisscrossed the country Tuesday in a frenetic last dash to convert undecided voters, with less than 48 hours to go until an election likely to produce no outright winner.

Polls put the Conservatives and Labour neck-and-neck, with neither on course for a majority in Parliament.

That means Thursday's vote will likely trigger a period of negotiations with smaller parties before a new government emerges.

Neither big party wanted to discuss that option Tuesday, with both claiming they were aiming to win.

Prime Minister David Cameron told supporters at a suburban London garden centre that momentum was behind the Conservatives.

"People can see in the end it is all about the economy and keeping the economy moving forward, and that's what we offer and that's the argument we're making in this closing stage," Cameron said.

"Lots of people are undecided and it's those that we need to convince in the closing hours," he said as he began a 36-hour journey across Britain.

The audience applauded, but Cameron was heckled by a Scottish man who said: "I'm feeling racism from you guys in your party," objecting to Tory claims about the threat posed by the separatist Scottish National Party.

Labour's Ed Miliband said voters faced a choice "between a Labour government that will put working people first or a Tory government that will only ever work for the privileged few."

Liberal Democrat leader Nick Clegg said Cameron and Miliband were kidding themselves, and only his party could prevent a period of "messy, unstable minority government."

"The last thing Britain needs is a second election before Christmas," Clegg said as he embarked on a 1,600-kilometre bus tour from Land's End in England's far southwest to the northern tip of Scotland.

Clegg hopes to play kingmaker, but his party looks set to be punished by voters after five years in coalition government with the Conservatives. They could lose half of their 59 seats.

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UK Independence Party Leader Nigel Farage, centre right, canvasses for support during a walkabout Tuesday in Sandwich, England. GARETH FULLER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

> **People can see in the end it is all about the economy moving forward.**
> Conservative Leader David Cameron

ROYALTY

Queen meets Princess Charlotte

The Queen visited Kensington Palace to meet three-day-old Princess Charlotte Elizabeth Diana.

The daughter of Prince William and his wife Kate is the Queen's great-granddaughter.

The latest addition to the Royal Family is now fourth in line for the throne after Prince Charles, William and her older brother, 21-month-old Prince George.

Her middle name was chosen to honour the Queen and her third name pays tribute to Diana, the late Princess of Wales. The name Charlotte is the feminine form of Charles and is seen as a gesture toward her grandfather.

The royal couple Tuesday registered Charlotte's birth with officials who came to Kensington Palace.

William listed his occupation as "Prince of the United Kingdom" and Kate as "Princess."

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In this December 2013 file photo, a reporter uses his smartphone during a presentation for the new Google cultural institute in Paris. Today, more Google search requests are being made on mobile devices than on personal computers in the U.S. and many other parts of the world.
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Searches on mobile devices surpass PCs

TECHNOLOGY

Smartphones the new status quo in how we get information

Google's influential search engine has hit a tipping point in technology's shift to smartphones. More search requests are now being made on mobile devices than on personal computers in the U.S. and many other parts of the world.

The milestone announced at a digital advertising conference Tuesday serves as another reminder of how dramatically online behaviour has changed since 2007. That's when Apple released the first iPhone, leading to a wave of similar devices that have made it easier for people to stay connected to the Internet wherever they go.

The upheaval has rocked PC makers and other tech companies such as Microsoft with businesses tied to sales of desktop and laptop computers. Google has been able to adapt better than most companies, partly because its search engine and other services are embedded in the popular Android mobile operating system, but it hasn't been totally unscathed.

Google's average ad prices have been declining for the past 3-1/2 years, partly because marketers so far have been unwilling to pay as much for the commercial message displayed on the smaller screens of smartphones. The company, though, says mobile ad prices have been steadily climbing and will continue to do so as marketers recognize the value of being able to connect with prospective customers at the precise moment that they are looking for a place to eat, or comparing products on a smartphone while standing in a store.

> **The future of mobile is now.**
> Jerry Dischler, Google vice-president of AdWords

"The future of mobile is now," says Jerry Dischler, a Google Inc. vice-president in charge of the company's "AdWords" service for online marketing campaigns.

Besides in the U.S., Google's mobile search requests are outstripping requests in nine other countries. Japan is the only other country that Google is identifying.

The Mountain View, California, company isn't specifying just how many mobile search requests it is getting. Google processes more than 100 billion search requests worldwide each month, including queries on PCs.

As part of the mobile transition, Google last month overhauled its search-recommendation system to favour websites that are easier to read and load on smartphones. That change, known as "Mobilegeddon," prodded millions of websites to make changes to ensure they work well on smartphones to avoid being demoted in Google's search results. THE CANADIAN PRESS

IN BRIEF

WestJet turns record high first quarter profits

Higher fees for things like checked luggage helped generate record profits for WestJet in the first quarter.

The airline's net income rose 58 per cent to $140.7 million in the first three months of the year. Fuel costs, which are a quarter of its expenses, dropped 26 per cent as fuel prices fell.

Non-fare ancillary revenues increased 64 per cent to $83 million or $16.92 per passenger, up from $10.55 a year ago.

Most of the increase was due to the introduction of a $25 fee for a first check bag for some passengers, depending on the fare they purchase and other factors.
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TELECOMMUNICATIONS

CRTC rules to limit roaming charges

Canada's telecom regulator is rejigging the regime for wholesale wireless roaming rates in the hopes that the changes will eventually lead to lower charges for consumers.

The Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) released a decision Tuesday that limits the roaming rates the three biggest wireless carriers charge smaller carriers to piggyback on their networks for five years.

In its decision, the CRTC also asked the Conservative government to repeal legislation that currently limits what small carriers can charge the big players to use their wireless networks.

The decision unravels provisions imposed by the federal government last year, but the intention of the new framework is the same: to give smaller players the ability to expand.

"The measures that we are putting in place today in the wireless market will ensure that Canadians continue to have more choice as well as innovative, high-quality services," said CRTC chairman Jean-Pierre Blais.

Industry Minister James Moore praised the ruling.

"Today's decision will create greater competition in the wireless sector, and that is why our government has continuously advocated for these changes," he said in a statement.

"We know that more competition means more choice, lower prices and better services for Canadian consumers."

Effective Tuesday, wholesale roaming rates charged by the big three wireless providers will be set in stone for six months, the CRTC said, until Bell, Rogers and Telus file rate proposals with the regulator by Nov. 4.
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REBUTTAL

Decision carries negative implications, says expert

While the government's control over roaming rates could lower wireless costs, Martin Masse, senior editor at the Montreal Economic Institute, feels it will negatively affect the growth of Canada's telecommunications industry.

"Essentially it's not sustainable competition," he said. "We get less investment because it's cheaper to depend on mandated access." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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This is the number, by 2014, of surviving Second World War veterans in Canada. Their average age: 90. Consider the number of Afghanistan vets — about 40,000 — to understand the scale of the country's sacrifice in the conflict that ended with victory in Europe 70 years ago. Just before 12 a.m. on May 8, 1945, world leaders signed Germany's Instrument of Surrender in Berlin, concluding the six-year war that involved 1,159,000 Canadian military personnel, wounded 55,000 and killed 44,090.

Producing power at home should be worth our while

THE SCIENCE
Stephanie Orford

On Thursday, Tesla Motors CEO Elon Musk announced the company's latest foray into renewable-energy technology: the Tesla Powerwall, a wall-mounted battery for homes or businesses to store energy for later use.

This could be the beginning of a new energy future for Canada and the world. And at about $3,000-$3,500 US for a Powerwall, plus wiring and installation, they're attainable for many homeowners. The batteries can be recycled using Tesla's program for its existing electric vehicle batteries. Canadian firm NRStor plans to start selling Powerwalls in Canada in 2016.

Canadian policy-makers and energy utilities need to harness the green-power generation and storage potential of Canadian households by giving middle-class Canadians incentives, such as tax credits and feed-in tariffs, to produce and store green energy. The cost of solar panels has dropped a hundredfold since 1977, with wind and other renewables following suit, making household energy harvesting increasingly appealing to Canadians who want to live green while reducing their costs.

"The decentralization of energy is where the future is going," says Jesika Briones, business development manager at the Advanced Energy Centre.

Currently there are lots of limitations on Canadians who want to generate their own electricity. Canada has put tariffs on Chinese solar panels, making them more expensive and harder to import. B.C., Quebec and other provinces allow net metering (when property owners provide the grid with home-generated renewable energy, in exchange for a reduced bill). Only Ontario actually pays people who feed the grid.

That incentive encourages people to generate as much green energy as they can, because they'll get paid for it. A country of green energy-generating households could power industry and public facilities without as much need for fossil fuels. In 2012, fossil fuels still made up 74 per cent of Canada's energy consumption, the World Bank says.

A home battery system is "the missing piece," as Tesla calls it, to our green future. It will let households buy from the grid at off-peak hours when it's least expensive and sell to the grid at peak hours when it's most needed. Versions of this arrangement are already in place in Germany and some American states.

According to a 2013 National Academy of Sciences study of electric vehicle batteries, when you use renewable electricity to charge them, the results are still better for the environment than fossil fuels.

"Combined with solar PV (photovoltaics, a solar-energy technology), Tesla has made energy independence not only more accessible but also more desirable," Briones said.

A home battery, Tesla says, is the missing piece to our green future.

The new energy market would create jobs and opportunities for Canadian companies to innovate. A few, like electronics maker Eguana Technologies and green-battery company Electrovaya, are already on the forefront. But we need more incentives before household green-power generation and storage can go viral.

Stephanie Orford is a Vancouver-based writer. The Science appears every other Wednesday.

ROSEMARY WESTWOOD
metroview

A Kardashian selfie book: give the people what they want

There's a lot of blustering in the media about Kim Kardashian's already bestselling book and plenty of feigned surprise at its popularity.

But that just shows how often the media speaks from the pulpit and not the crowd.

Kardashian's new book of selfies, Selfish, has caused so much wheezing on narcissism that holier-than-thou writers must be hoarse by now.

They're wasting their breath. Kardashian is only an expert manipulator of the fame our society gleefully hands her.

Hundreds of fans camped outside a New York bookstore Tuesday — including two 21-year-old women who drove all the way from Washington — to get an autograph scrawled across this photographic memoir of parties, workouts and nudes.

Meanwhile, the media has lined up to gawk at Selfish's hubris, a reaction notably absent to Chloë Sevigny's recent photography book, called Chloë Sevigny, featuring photos of her and released by the same publisher.

In his review, the Guardian's critic revelled in describing Kardashian's "carnal fullness" and "curvaceous flesh."

Jonathan Jones deemed it "guilt-free looking" and he equated Selfish to the end of photography as art.

"Selfish is the final grave marker of that aesthetic delusion," Jones wrote.

At least he defended celebrity selfies. They give "an illusion of intimacy that is priceless in an age that cherishes authenticity."

Others, distressed by her fame, have gone straight for Kardashian's jugular. As the Toronto Star's Vinay Menon wrote: "This is a woman with Type V blood, as in vanity."

Menon mocked her lack of talent and her use of the word "skank" in her earlier attempt at writing, in the novel Dollhouse.

"I have no answers today, people," he wrote in the voice of a doomsday preacher. "Just an unsettling, irrational feeling that soon, very soon, the skanks will be coming for all of us."

Well now, that doesn't sound so bad. But come on, branding her a "skank" is not a very sophisticated take on the sex appeal that drives her fame. It's a sexist slur that paints all cleavage selfies with the same skank brush.

It also accuses Kardashian of somehow hoodwinking 31.5 million Instagram followers into loving her. She's only feeding our own hunger for titillation. She's unapologetic about flaunting her body, and I can respect that.

"Look at my boobies! Look at my butt!" John McMurtrie wrote in a mock-Kardashian voice in the San Francisco Chronicle.

Plenty of us want to. To use another sexist term, we're the media whores.

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CHRISTOPHER LLOYD

Actor talks perks of indies ahead of new film, Back to the Future anniversary

Steve Gow
Metro | Life

Christopher Lloyd and director April Mullen on the set of the Canadian-made crime thriller 88. CONTRIBUTED

It's a big year for character actor Christopher Lloyd. After all, a film he made decades ago is having a rebirth of sorts. With the 30th anniversary of Back to the Future approaching this fall, there are a number of celebrations, documentaries and tributes planned.

"I don't keep up that well with it. I don't keep up that well with anything," laughed the 76-year-old star recently. "(But) films don't usually have that, so I'm embracing it."

And so he should be. After all, the 1985 time-travel comedy that spawned two hit sequels was not only a success in its day, but it also has only seemed to gather more fans as the years advanced. In fact, Family Guy creator Seth McFarlane was such an admirer he asked Lloyd to make a cameo appearance as his "Doc" Brown character in last year's hit comedy A Million Ways to Die in the West.

"So many people have come up to me and said they grew up with Back to the Future; that it shaped their lives to the extent that they chose to be an engineer or a physicist or something along those lines because of the effect of the films," admitted Lloyd. "It feels good to be part of something that's meant so much to so many people.

Indeed, with Doc Brown, the comedy's excitable, white-haired inventor, Lloyd has crafted one of cinema's most iconic figures. So unquestionably, he must be looking forward to "participating in some of these events" to celebrate it. First, however, he is just as eager to discuss his unlikely casting in the Canadian-made crime thriller 88.

"Here was a guy that nobody has given me an opportunity to be so I just jumped on it," explained Lloyd of the film in which he plays a crime boss at the centre of one woman's quest to score revenge for her lover's death.

"Whether it's a dramatic role, farce or comedy or melodrama, I have the same task — to make the character real so when the audience sees me, they understand and relate," said Lloyd of 88's seedy strip-club character. "That's kind of what I do regardless of the type of character it is."

While that range has assured Lloyd of an endearing on-screen longevity in Hollywood ever since his debut in 1975's classic One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest, the veteran actor now insists he looks forward as much to the freedom that comes with making indie projects like 88 as he does blockbuster hits like Back to the Future.

"It's nice getting away from Hollywood," admitted Lloyd. "You do a film in Hollywood and men in suits are hovering; they're there second-guessing you and it's good to get away, be independent and feel relaxed."

88 screens across Canada on Wednesday as part of Canadian Indie Film Series.

HIS FAVE ROLES

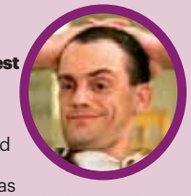
Over four decades, Christopher Lloyd has starred in more than 100 films and series. We reflect on just three of his most famous roles:

The Addams Family (Uncle Fester):

"At first I didn't see how it could be because I'm kind of tall, I'm kind of slim and Fester's a sight gag," recalled Lloyd. "If I'm channel-surfing and one of The Addams Family films comes up, I don't move any further — I just sit there and enjoy it."

Back to the Future ("Doc" Brown):

"I loved his excitement about discovery. Doc Brown has got a head that is constantly coming out with new ways to do things," said Lloyd. "He fell down in his bathroom one day and hit his head on the toilet seat and, bang — he (invents) the flux capacitor. That's so cool!"

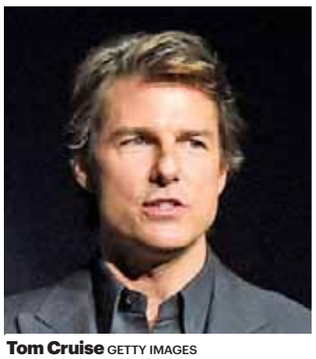


One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest (Taber):

"It was my first film," said Lloyd. "Jack Nicholson was a big idol of mine before Cuckoo's Nest from his previous work (and) I couldn't believe it. It was just a momentous moment in my life."

DOCUMENTARY BACKLASH

After Going Clear, Cruise faces yet another test in M:I release



Tom Cruise GETTY IMAGES

When Janeane Garofalo asked Brad Bird, the director of Mission: Impossible — Ghost Protocol, about Tom Cruise at a recent Tribeca Film Festival event, she peppered Bird with allusions to the Scientology documentary Going Clear. Bird called it "a very inside reference," but Garofalo quickly disagreed.

"Not anymore," she said. "That documentary ... wooo! Going Clear, we could talk about that all day!"

That's probably not what Tom Cruise or the makers of the next Mission: Impossible film, Rogue Nation, want to hear. Going Clear: Scientology and the Prison of Belief, Alex Gibney's documentary based on the book by the Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Lawrence Wright, was a revelation to many and a certain challenge to Cruise, who in recent years has quieted his public advocacy for Scientology.

The film and book did more than anything before to expose the secretive organization and detail some troubling claims involving Cruise, Scientology's most famous face. Cruise has yet to say anything publicly about Going Clear, a silence that may be difficult to maintain, given the high-profile demands of promoting a summer blockbuster hoping to make some $700 million worldwide.

Cruise's stardom has long had a Teflon indestructibility, having survived one of the most notorious public relations disasters in 2005 when he ditched his longtime publicist for his sister, Lee Anne DeVette, a Scientologist; dramatically wooed his eventual third wife, Katie Holmes; and jumped on Oprah Winfrey's couch.

> **Secrets in Hollywood are really no longer sexy.**
> Prof. Jeetendr Sehdev, a celebrity branding expert, who believes the documentary will affect the release of the latest Mission: Impossible.

Ten years later, a documentary may be a seemingly small threat to a global star who has already weathered media storms over his Scientology beliefs. Or Going Clear could persist as an acute challenge to Cruise at a time when his box-office clout may be waning and in a media age where privacy seldom lasts.

Mission: Impossible — Rogue Nation comes on the heels of several underperforming releases from the 52-year-old Cruise. His last three films — Jack Reacher, Oblivion and Edge of Tomorrow — have failed to crack $100 million at the North American box office.

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Trains, crowns and sheer nerve

MET GALA FASHION

China-themed ball brings out the best and the barely dressed

Never let it be said that Rihanna doesn't know how to make an entrance.

On a night when big stars were a dime a dozen — try George and Amal Clooney, Lady Gaga, Madonna and Cher — the pop singer still managed to steal the show and conquer the red carpet at the Met Gala when she swooped in wearing a fur-trimmed yellow cape with floral swirls of gold and a train so long it required three wranglers.

The ensemble came with a little pink mini-dress underneath, and a sparkling tiara. In keeping with the evening's theme — China, and its artistic influence on the West — the outfit was designed by Beijing-based designer Guo Pei, whose sumptuous designs are on display in the current Met exhibit, China: Through the Looking Glass.

As befitting a star — or fashion royalty — Rihanna commanded premium attention on the carpet by being one of the very last to arrive. But compared to Beyoncé, she was an early bird.

Beyoncé and her husband, Jay Z, arrived so late that many photographers were giving up and leaving. She was highly photogenic, though, in a sheer, bejeweled Givenchy Haute Couture gown by Riccardo Tisci.

Trains, ruby reds and sheer gowns ruled the red carpet. Zendaya in Fausto Puglisi, left, and Jennifer Lopez in Versace, right.

Deep, ruby reds, shimmery golds and other jewel tones dominated the colour scheme as the multitudes of invited celebrities embraced this year's China inspiration.

There were sequins aplenty, and embroidery was everywhere.

One of the first to arrive was the gala's longtime head, Vogue editor Anna Wintour, who shimmered in an orange-and-red floral couture gown from Chanel.

She was followed by a succession of stars of film, music, fashion, TV and sports unrivalled anywhere but perhaps the Oscars.

One of the world's most watched women, Amal Clooney, arrived on her husband's arm in a tiered ruby-red gown by John Galliano.

Jennifer Lopez bared a lot more skin — actually, more than most, in a red Versace gown with sheer side panels.

Kim Kardashian opted for sheer, too, in a white gown with a feathery train by Peter Dundas for Roberto Cavalli, the designer's first for the house.

Little sister Kendall Jenner opted for Calvin Klein, sparkling in green with sexy laces on each side.

And Justin Bieber showed up in a black jacket slithering with gold dragons, by Balmain.

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RED HOT MAMA

Flame has gone to her head

Sarah Jessica Parker appeared in a towering red headpiece that resembled fiery flames. Designed by Philip Treacy, the headpiece bore long red tassels on each side.

Parker paired the piece with a one-shoulder black gown embellished with sashes composed of pieces of vintage fabric and beads from Sweden — a collaboration with H&M and the company's Conscious Collection, which focuses on sustainable fabrics.

Katy Perry, above, wore Moschino and sported a new Kris Jenner-inspired pixie cut.

A regal Rihanna, left, in an outfit by Chinese designer Guo Pei.

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Miley Cyrus is launching the Happy Hippie Foundation to help homeless and LGBT youth. GETTY IMAGES

Badass 'tude all part of Miley's plan

LGBT FOUNDATION

While you're ogling her, Cyrus is going to 'totally hustle you'

Posting pics of her pink armpits isn't just to be scandalous, says Miley Cyrus. INSTAGRAM

When Miley Cyrus wears pasties or posts photos of her pink armpits, it's not to be a provocateur. The 22-year-old says she's just being herself, and she wants all young people to have that same opportunity.

That's why she's launching the Happy Hippie Foundation to help homeless and LGBT youth, adding that not all her past relationships were "straight, heterosexual" ones. Cyrus didn't elaborate.

"The position I'm in, I feel like I've got a lot of power," she said in a Monday phone interview. "But so many kids don't feel that way. They're under their parents' rule."

Cyrus, who famously asked a homeless man to accept her Video of the Year trophy at the 2014 Video Music Awards, said she was inspired by the attention generated by that gesture. And she was further moved by the suicide of transgender teen Leelah Alcorn in December.

More than 1.6 million young people are homeless in the United States, according to the National Coalition for the Homeless. Cyrus said 40 per cent identify themselves as LGBT.

An entertainer since age 14, she wants to use her fame for good.

"When you have all eyes on you, what are you saying? And that's what I had to ask myself a lot," she said.

"It's like, I know you're going to look at me more if my (breasts) are out, so look at me. And then I'm going to tell you about my foundation for an hour and totally hustle you."

Cyrus is passionate about a lot of issues, from climate change to animal welfare, but said she chose to focus on youth homelessness because it's specific and tangible. Funds raised by Happy Hippie will create digital support groups for LGBT youth and their families.

The foundation is also aiding My Friend's Place, a centre for homeless youth in Hollywood.

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IN MEMORIAM

Gosling raises spoon to cereal video creator

When Ryan Gosling got word that Ryan McHenry, the Vine user who popularized the bizarre Ryan Gosling Won't Eat his Cereal videos, had passed away this week after a two-year battle with cancer, Gosling sprung into action, posting his own Vine featuring him finally — finally! — eating some cereal.

Ryan Gosling VINE SCREENGRAB

"My heart goes out to all of Ryan McHenry's family and friends," Gosling tweeted. "Feel very lucky to have been apart of his life in some small way."

RUMOURS

There's trouble in the Jackson family

Michael Jackson's oldest kids, Paris and Prince, are reportedly no longer speaking with each other, according to Radar Online.

"Paris is barely even speaking to her older brother Prince," a source says.

"She cannot tolerate her brother and says that he is disgracing their father's legacy" since turning 18 and inheriting a massive fortune.

Prince, it seems, has been acting out, and "this type of behaviour does not fly," with Paris, according to the source.

"The family is doing everything that they can to keep Paris away from Prince because they do not want her to go down the wrong path again."

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Grace Chatto, left, of Clean Bandit and guest singer Elisabeth Troy perform onstage at the Coachella festival in Indio, Calif., on April 18. MATT COWAN/GETTY IMAGES FOR COACHELLA

Clean Bandit making good with critics, fans

ELECTRONIC ACT

With a Grammy under its belt, band readies for N. American tour

Emily Laurence
Metro | NYC

Fresh off debuting a new song at Coachella with Marina and the Diamonds, British electronic band Clean Bandit found out they were nominated for the prestigious Ivor Novello Awards in multiple categories, up against Sam Smith, Hozier, alt-J and George Ezra. Considering their song Rather Be already won a Grammy earlier this year for best dance recording, their chances of winning are pretty high.

Win or lose, they're gearing up to perform across North America this summer, including upcoming shows in Toronto, Montreal and the Governors Ball — New York City's buzziest summer music festival. We catch up with band member Jack Patterson.

How did you guys all meet?
We met back in university, at Cambridge. Grace (Chatto) and I actually met in the dining hall, which kind of looked like Hogwarts. It was this huge Gothic hall. We were just having dinner and I met her there and then I introduced her to my brother (band member Luke Patterson).

So that was back in 2006. Is there anything about your music that is still the same and that you want to always be the same?
As long as the four of us are continuing to make music, I'm completely open to any kind of developments or changes within the way we make music, record or perform. I don't think there's anything about it that will always be the same.

The band's Jack Patterson
KEVIN WINTER/GETTY IMAGES

Stronger sounds happy, but the lyrics are deeper than the melody lets on. What does that song mean?
It's a funny one, that one. The lyrics are talking about not being constrained and doing what is right for yourself. But that's all layered underneath this major kind of sound. For me, the music used to be much more important than the lyrics, although I did write a lot of the lyrics. At least, that's how I felt when we were first starting out.

What inspires your sound? What do you listen to?
It's weird because the music I listen to personally is quite different than the music we put out as a band. I love Radiohead and Frank Sinatra. I listen to a lot of jazz as well. All of us listen to very different types of music from each other. Grace listens to more electronic music than me, and more classical music as well.

Gearing up for the Governors Ball, what are your music festival must-haves?
Just good sunscreen and a little hip flask. Those are the things that are most required. You aren't allowed to bring drinks into the music festivals here in the States, so you have to hide them.

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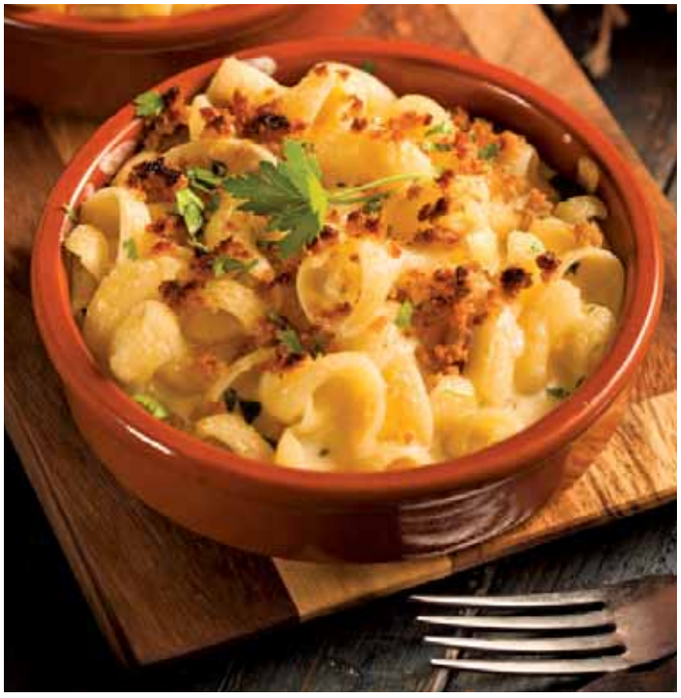

Macaroni and cheese gets a healthy overhaul made with a base of cauliflower, spinach or tomatoes . ISTOCK

WORD OF MOUTH

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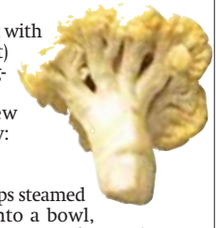
Last year it was grilled cheese; this year it's mac and cheese getting the red carpet overhaul.

A Mac & Cheese Festival coming up next month in Toronto promises to bring together "savvy cooks and food entrepreneurs" in order to reinvent this comfort food.

Most cooks seem to take a "go big or go home" approach to the dish — adding white chocolate, for instance, or combining it with a pot of chili.

I'm not a huge fan of messing with a classic by mixing in miscellany, but there is so much fun you can have adding a crust.

Keep the full-fat, sharp cheese taste in the traditional homemade recipes (or cheat with boxed product) but add a veggie bottom. Here are a few bottoms to try:



Cauli Crust

- Grate 2 cups steamed cauliflower into a bowl, stir in a beaten egg and 1/2 cup of Parmesan cheese and press into casserole dish.
- Bake until it forms a crispy crust and then top with cooked mac and cheese to warm together.

Go Greek

- Mix together 3 cups of thawed frozen spinach, 1 tbsp oregano, 2 cloves of garlic, 1 cup crumbled feta. Press into casserole dish and top with mac and cheese and bake until heated through.

Kiss it Italian

- Slice 3 or 4 ripe tomatoes into thick slices and lay into casserole dish.
- Place a handful of basil into the pan, drizzle with balsamic vinegar and top with cooked mac and cheese. Bake to heat through. Invert onto a platter.

Nothing says love like a creamy casserole, but it doesn't have to be all fatty carbs all the time!

WINE COCKTAIL

A treat for Mom

LIQUID ASSETS

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While the majority of winemakers I know would prefer to see their creations enjoyed without any alien additions, inspired wine cocktails are a respectable part of the European restaurant scene, especially in Italy, where palate-enhancing drinks are quaffed prior to dinner or over brunch.

Those looking for a beverage to pamper mom this Mother's Day should try The Spritz, a bright orange bevy from the northeastern region of Veneto.

In a large wine glass, add a shot of Aperol liqueur ($19.49 to $27.29) to a helping of bubbly prosecco; top it off with a little sparkling water and add an orange wedge as a garnish.

Refreshing, citrusy and lightly bitter, it's a liquid union that looks as good as it tastes.

TREND

Hot sauce emporium has NYC hipsters feeling a little warm

This week Heatonist, a hot sauce emporium with a tasting counter that kickstarted in February, quietly opened its tasting room in Williamsburg, Brooklyn.

There are more than 70 sauces to try: The store will eventually carry more than 100 varieties made all over the world (yes, even some with the new king of heat, the Carolina Reaper), from Japan to South Africa.

But it doesn't serve food or drinks (though pairing dinners and cookouts are planned), so taste responsibly.

Before we made a grab for the hottest thing to slather on our next meal, owner and hot sauce sommelier Noah Chaimberg laid some knowledge on us.

Is heat just heat?
There are definitely certain categories of ingredients that pair well with different foods and less well with others.

Is there a house blend?
Our different sauce makers from around the world are sending us pepper seeds, so we're going to be growing them here in the garden. When we have our first harvest, we'll try our hand at making hot sauce.

Are peppers the only way to get heat?
When we think about wasabi, horseradish, mustard, ginger, these have a lot of spiciness to them, but it's different from the capsaicin that we get from chili peppers.

When you think about wasabi in particular, when you feel the spiciness in your sinuses, that's because the spice molecules are much smaller than the capsaicin, so they float up from your mouth and into your sinus, whereas capsaicin is a bigger molecule, heavier, so it stays down and burns your tongue.

What should you do if a sauce is too spicy?
People will often reach for milk — dairy has a protein called casein that is sort of a cure for the capsaicin, and it tends to be the higher the fat content, the better it works.

So a lot of people have whipped cream on hand; some people use cream cheese.

We don't have any whipped cream on hand, so just feel the heat and let it resonate for a minute.

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PERFECT PAIRS

We asked Noah Chaimberg what to put on some popular dishes.

Avocado toast
"You want something with a little bit of sweetness and spice on the avocado toast that's really fresh and good for the morning," he says. "We have a serrano, ginger, lemongrass hot sauce."

Ramen
"I like to use a vinegar-based sauce, and for that I'd probably reach for the Heirloom Hot Sauce with chiltepin pepper."

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Chrysler is preparing a plug-in hybrid version of the successor to its Town & Country minivan.

Canyon is smaller but mighty

ROAD TESTED

JIL MCINTOSH/FOR METRO

REVIEW

Pickup truck nicely fills gap between small and midsize

Jil McIntosh
For Metro

Today's trucks are better than they've ever been, but they're also bigger than ever. And since not everyone wants or needs a full-size truck, the all-new GMC Canyon might be the answer.

The Canyon, along with its mechanical twin Chevrolet Colorado, shares only its name with the small truck last offered in 2012. This version is more midsize than compact, but it's still easier to park, and to get in and out, versus most full-size trucks.

It's available as an Extended Cab with two rear-hinged back doors, and as a Crew Cab with four conventionally opening doors. The Extended Cab comes strictly with a long box (6-foot-1), while the Crew Cab comes with long box or short box (5-foot-2).

The base engine is a 2.5-litre four-cylinder, available with a six-speed manual or automatic transmission, but I tested the 3.6-litre V6, which comes exclusively with the automatic. All models also offer two- or four-wheel drive. Depending on the configuration, towing capacity goes as high as 3,175 kilograms.

No truck really drives "truck-like" anymore, but the Canyon is very well done. Its steering is well-weighted — light enough for easy manoeuvring, but weighted enough for confidence — and when the going gets mucky, it can be dialled into four-wheel on the fly. The V6 engine is smooth, and with just enough of a growl to satisfy fans who want a truck, not a car.

> **The V6 engine is smooth, and with just enough of a growl**

The interior is a scaled-down version of the full-size GMC Sierra, and you can order such upscale options as navigation, forward collision alert, lane departure warning, and leather seats. A nice touch is that while many manufacturers include all of the available option buttons, and blank out the ones that weren't ordered, GM installs just the right number of controls. It's a small thing, but the dash doesn't look like you "cheaped out" with all those blank buttons.

Also borrowed from GM's bigger trucks is the simple but effective bumper step that gives you a quick leg up into the box. A factory spray-in bedliner is available, too.

There are still a few contenders in this segment, but for performance and comfort, I think the Canyon is currently the best of the bunch.

THE CHECKLIST | 2015 GMC CANYON

THE BASICS

Type. Four-door, five-passenger compact pickup
Engine (hp). 2.4-litre I4 (200), 3.6-litre V6 (305)
Transmissions. Six-speed manual (I4); six-speed automatic (I4, V6)
Price. Base $20,600, as-tested $39,930 (plus destination)

POINTS

- The rear seat cushions flip up to reveal hidden storage cubbies.
- The base trim line comes with an easy-clean vinyl floor; all others have carpet.
- An available All-Terrain Package includes an off-road suspension and front recovery hooks.

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COOL FEATURES

- Standard rearview camera
- Available Wi-Fi hotspot capability
- Available navigation and smartphone integration
- Standard power driver's seat
- Available remote starter

MARKET POSITION

- Midsize trucks don't do as well in the market as full-size, possibly because their upper-line prices can overlap those of their larger siblings. Buyers have to look at smaller-size convenience as well as price.

THE COMPETITION

Chevrolet Colorado
Base price: $19,400

Toyota Tacoma
Base price: $24,285

Nissan Frontier
Base price: $22,748

FORD MOTOR COMPANY

Car-people link drives cultural anthropologist

AUTO PILOT

Mike Goetz

Some people have such deep connections with their vehicles they made sure they got buried in them.

There was that California socialite and her 1963 Ferrari 330 America, that former Second World War army sergeant and his 1994 Chevrolet Corvette, and that 90-year-old gentleman from South Carolina and his 1973 Pontiac Catalina.

Michael Thomas studies this car-people connection for a living. He is Ford Motor Company's first on-staff cultural anthropologist. Speaking over the phone from Ford's worldwide HQ in Dearborn, Mich., he noted that some objects do more than their primarily design role; they cross over into the cultural realm and become important in how we associate as humans.

This cultural role of vehicles is what deepens our connection to them, says Thomas. "Cars help individuals exert themselves in the social world."

Examples of how vehicles implicate themselves into an individual's social world are many and varied, and differ throughout the world. Here in North America, the classic ones are cars as extensions of an individual's personality (be it speedy or quirky or whatever), as status symbols, and as one of the last bastions of personal space.

But Ford is also interested in finding the more nuanced ways vehicles implicate themselves into our lives, and particularly in areas of the world where car ownership is a relatively new phenomenon.

Thomas has been working at Ford for two years now. He and his team spent the first year just gathering data around the globe. How does one gather cultural anthropological data? By shadowing people, from the time they get up to the time they're done for the night, for several days in a row, much like a reality show, just without the cameras, fake drama, and C-list celebrities.

"The idea is to triangulate all the data, not just the car-related data."

One of the subjects the team followed was a new dad in China, whose passion is extreme sports. His vehicle is very important to him, because it had to fit his new role as guardian and protector, and yet still embody a sliver of his former edgy self. So he chose a safe but sporty-enough vehicle, that he envisioned himself using, to navigate his family in and around the scary traffic conditions in urban China — a new form of extreme sport, if you will.

"We found that people use vehicles to help them through their transitions," adds Thomas.

Another subject was a sari salesperson in India. As per cultural protocol, as soon as the transaction shifted to the payment phase, she had to hand off the transaction to a male colleague. The rest of her life was like that, too, always deferring to male authority. But in her car, she took up the same amount of space as anyone else on the road. It was her way of to gain agency not permitted in other areas of her life.

"She didn't have to defer to anyone on the road. She was equal."

8th for Toyota

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HYBRIDS

Carmaker unveils new 2016 RAV4

Japanese automaker Toyota took the wraps off a new 2016 RAV4 hybrid small tall wagon at the recent New York Auto Show, making it Toyota's eighth model to sport a gas-electric powertrain. The vehicle's edgier design will be shared with the conventional RAV4 for the new model year. Sporting on-demand all-wheel-drive, the hybrid will deliver more horsepower and better fuel economy than its conventional sibling, said Bob Carter, senior vice-president of Toyota's U.S. operations, although he did not provide specific figures. Carter expressed confidence that some buyers will opt for the RAV4 hybrid, even with gasoline languishing at just barely $3 US a gallon. Also in the U.S., RAV4 sales surged 28 per cent in March to 25,243 units. "We are supply constrained" on the model, Carter said.

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New Mirai to drop in price

Toyota is working overtime to make its new Mirai hydrogen-powered fuel-cell sedan more affordable to the masses, Automotive News reported. The car will roll into showrooms with a base price of nearly $60,000 US, "but Toyota hopes to reduce that sum significantly in the near future." The Mirai's expected retail price, starting at $57,500, is a hefty $40,000 less than analysts' initial estimates.

FINANCE

U.K. to subsidize electric scooters and choppers

Electric motorcycles and scooters now qualify for government subsidies in England, the Office for Low Emission Vehicles has announced. The equivalent of about $11 million US — capped at $2,237 per vehicle — will help encourage more sales of low-emission vehicles. This will make qualifying vehicles up to 20 per cent less expensive, establishing motorcycles and scooters as the most affordable electric vehicles on British roads. Electric cycles and scooters will help cut carbon-dioxide emissions, the government said in announcing the program, "and there are wider benefits, too, in helping to cut congestion." A traffic report released by navigation product maker Tom Tom shows congestion has worsened over the past year, with journeys now taking 29 per cent longer during peak times than they would in free-flowing traffic.

DESIGN

Camaro to shed 90 kilograms

The realization that less vehicle weight makes the engine work less and burn less fuel is gaining traction with automakers. Latest case in point: the 2016 Chevrolet Camaro will weigh 90 kilograms less than the 2015 model, putting curb weight for the base LS and LT models at about 1,600 kg. Engineers were challenged to improve handling, acceleration and fuel economy for 2016. The new vehicle structure, which it shares with the rear wheel-drive Cadillac ATS and CTS, is responsible for most of the weight loss.

The Skoda Fabia Funstar concept car is the brainchild of a team of students.
SKODA

Funstar picks up on Skoda Fabia

DESIGN

Worthersee festival spotlights custom cars

Meet the Funstar, a pickup take on the Skoda Fabia, that may give fans a hint about what to expect at this year's biggest car tuning festival dedicated to all things Volkswagen group.

Every May, Reifnitz, Austria, plays host to the Worthersee, a festival for people who love all things customized and Volkswagen, including the car companies it now owns. This year's Worthersee runs May 13-16.

Forum for feedback

VW uses the event to gauge response to new ideas, features and styling cues but more excitingly, to let its designers off the leash and go crazy.

The first of the one-off cars to be announced ahead of the event proper is by a team of teenaged students at Skoda's Akademie vocational school and is a seriously chopped version of the current Skoda Fabia.

Called the Fabia Funstar, it is equal parts supermini and compact pickup truck and one that is actually a working concept.

Under the menacingly vented hood is a real, albeit lightly powered 1.2-litre petrol engine mated to a Volkswagen double clutch seven-speed paddle shift transmission.

The team says there wasn't enough room for a larger engine.

What the truck lacks in horsepower it makes up for in watts, however — from the sound system that is. The standard car's stereo can pump out 300 but the Funstar can burst eardrums from 100 paces with its 1,400-watt setup.

Lines garner notice

All of which makes it even more of a shame this car won't be going past the concept stage — it's surprising how well the Fabia's lines hold up even when in utility vehicle form.

However, if the diminutive concept stirs the crowds up sufficiently, Skoda says it will give its students carte blanche again for next year's event.

Expect the Skoda concept to be joined by a number of even more extreme concepts from Audi, Seat and, of course, Volkswagen itself in the days leading up to the festival. AFP

AUTO NEWS VW OFFERS HOT HATCH FANS 400 REASONS TO GET EXCITED

Volkswagen has confirmed its Golf R400 concept is going into production, making it the most powerful hot hatchback on the market. The car, based on the 'standard' R version of the current Golf, has been conceived as an engineering exercise to see how much extra power could be squeezed from the company's two-litre, four-cylinder turbocharged powerplant. The answer turned out to be 395 bhp (or 400 PS, hence the concept's name), which in turn meant a theoretical 0-100 k/ph time of 3.9 seconds and an unrestricted top speed of 280 k/ph. All of which is remarkable considering that in the Golf R the engine tops out at 296 bhp. The R400 boasts a higher output than anything that Audi, BMW or Mercedes has to offer in the sporty, compact sector. AFP

The most powerful Golf in history is to be the Golf R400.
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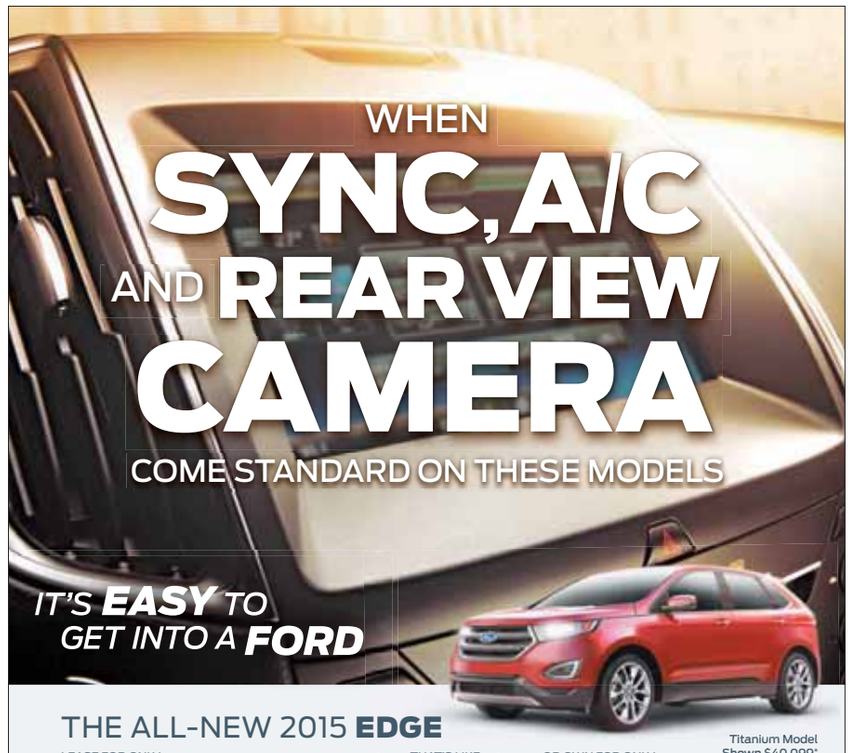

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Building relationships, partnerships

St. Mary's University

As part of its commitment to successful transition to university study for students, St. Mary's University has been working closely with high schools in the Calgary area.

The message to students, parents and counsellors is that St. Mary's is a dynamic university with competitive tuition rates, including free on-campus parking, and degrees that are fully accredited by the government of Alberta. Students who attend St. Mary's receive high-quality teaching in small classes with personalized attention where professors know them by name.

The university continues to grow in both programs and applications. This has been an exciting year for St. Mary's University. At the request of Dr. Gerry Turcotte, president of St. Mary's University, the minister of innovation and advanced education approved the change in name to St. Mary's University from St. Mary's University College to better reflect the university's actual status. The new name, St. Mary's University, was officially launched on Nov. 25, 2014.

St. Mary's is currently experiencing a 20 per cent increase in applications for admissions compared to this time last year. It has launched a new four-year bachelor of arts degree with a major in history and a four-year bachelor of science degree with a major in biology.

As well, in March, St. Mary's officially launched its First Nations, Métis and Inuit partnership.

Bob Hann, vice-president, student services at St. Mary's University, is pleased that St. Mary's continues to offer high-quality education.

"We hear a lot about the high cost of post-secondary education and about difficulties accessing university programs and courses," he says.

"At St. Mary's we are focusing on building relationships and partnerships with Calgary area high schools and school districts, delivering specific information directly to targeted high school classes, increasing opportunities for students to visit our campus, and sharing details about our world-class quality and affordability."

St. Mary's is excited to host an open house on May 13 from 6-8 p.m. This is a great opportunity to meet professors, take a tour of the campus, and discover the exciting and dynamic programs and degrees the school offers. St. Mary's University is still accepting applications for the fall intake.

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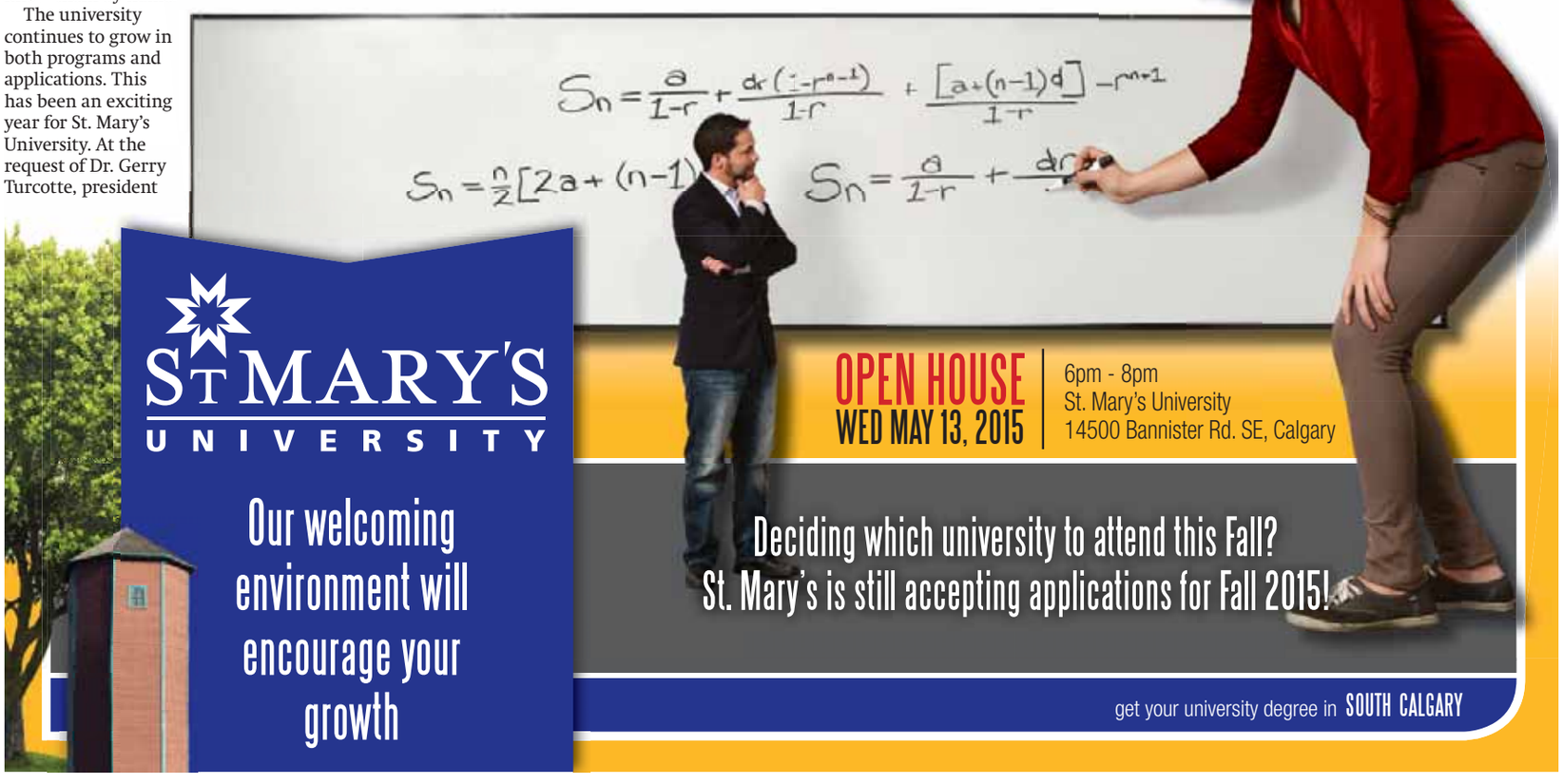
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Wednesday, May 6, 2015

Mikael Backlund of the Calgary Flames scores the game winning goal in overtime against the Anaheim Ducks in Game Three of the Western Conference Semifinals in Calgary. The Flames won 4-3 on the night but trail in the series 2-1 DEREK LEUNG/GETTY IMAGES

Flames are 'Back' in the series

NHL PLAYOFFS

Mikael's winner in overtime is perfect end to dramatic night

GAME 3 **On Tuesday**

Mikael Backlund scored in overtime for the Calgary Flames, who worked their way back into their playoff series with the Anaheim Ducks with a 4-3 win on Tuesday.

The Flames stayed unbeaten at home this NHL post-season and trail the Ducks two games to one in their best-of-seven Western Conference quarter-final series. Friday's Game 4 at the Scotiabank Saddledome will be followed by Game 5 back in Anaheim, Calif., on Sunday.

On a delayed Ducks penalty and with Flames goaltender Karri Ramo on the bench for an extra attacker, Backlund's shot from the blue-line through traffic beat Anaheim goaltender Frederik Andersen at 4:24 of overtime.

Johnny Gaudreau's goal in the dying seconds of the third period forced extra time for Calgary. Joe Colborne, with a short-handed goal in the second period, and Brandon Bollig also scored for the Flames in front of a sellout at the Saddledome. Ramo made 18 saves for the win.

Patrick Maroon, Corey Perry and Matt Beleskey countered for the Ducks, who led 2-1 after the first period and 3-2 after the second. Ducks captain Ryan Getzlaf contributed a pair of two assists and Andersen stopped 17 shots in the loss.

Controversy brewed in the third when officials waived off a potential Sam Bennett equalizer for Calgary. The rookie's shot from close-range at 13:38 appeared from certain angles to slide under Andersen's right pad and behind the goal-line.

The NHL's situation room ruled "no conclusive evidence" of a goal, much to the Saddledome's dismay when that decision was announced.

But Gaudreau deflected attention away from the fuss by scoring the tying goal and his first of this series with 19 seconds left in regulation. With Ramo pulled for a two-man advantage on a Flames power play in the final minute, the Calder Trophy finalist's wrist shot beat Andersen glove side. It was Calgary's first power-play goal of the series after going 0 for 11.

The Flames went 3-0 at home in their first-round win over the Vancouver Canucks in six games. Calgary lost both games in Anaheim to open their second-round series. The Ducks' Beleskey scored his third in as many games in this series for a go-ahead goal in the second period. He wristed a drop pass from Ryan Kesler past Ramo at 8:20 to give the visitors a 3-2 lead.

Colborne's first goal of the post-season was short-handed at 4:17 to tie the game 2-2. Anaheim defenceman Hampus Lindholm lost his footing and Colborne went in alone beating Andersen going backhand to forehand. Getzlaf's face adorns a banner hanging from the Saddledome rafters because he was a major junior star with the Western Hockey League's Calgary Hitmen.

The captain was the difference for the Ducks in the first period as it was him muscling the puck away from Flames defenceman T.J. Brodie that led to Perry's goal. Perry tucked the puck bottom corner on Ramo's stick side to give the visitors a 2-1 lead at 14:10 of the first period.

With his 70th career playoff point for Anaheim, Perry moved clear of Teemu Selanne into second all-time behind Getzlaf with 86. Getzlaf also set the table for Maroon's goal at 10:01 with a finesse pass from beyond the faceoff circle to Maroon for the re-direct. The Flames opened the scoring for the first time in the series with Bollig's goal at 2:07. With Anaheim pinching along the boards, Bollig headed for open ice and scored top corner off an odd-man rush with Mason Raymond. THE CANADIAN PRESS

ELSEWHERE IN NHL PLAYOFFS

Crawford shutout helps Kane's winner stand up for Blackhawks

Patrick Kane has been playing like he never left. Corey Crawford has resolutely rebounded from being benched. The Chicago Blackhawks have only begun to rev up their game, and the Minnesota Wild have lost their touch at the wrong time.

Kane scored on a power play in the first period, and Crawford and the Blackhawks made the superstar's goal stand up for a 1-0 win over the Wild on Tuesday to take a commanding 3-0 lead in the Western Conference semifinals. "Obviously we'd be very happy if you told us we'd be in this position before the series," said Kane, who has six goals and five assists in nine playoff games to bounce back from the broken collarbone that kept him of the last quarter of the regular season.

Crawford made 30 saves, giving him 90 on 94 shots in the three games. The Blackhawks last led a playoff series 3-0 in the Western Conference finals against San Jose in 2010, when they went on to win the Stanley Cup. Game 4 is in Minnesota again on Thursday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sky is limit for Chan's return

FIGURE SKATING

Action-packed year off has inspired skater to do big things

Falling to earth from 13,000 feet helped Patrick Chan put life in perspective.

"You pull the chute and, oh my gosh, the view is amazing," Chan said. "It just makes you realize how small I am and how small the figure skating world is."

The 24-year-old from Toronto was scheduled to go sky diving again Tuesday in Montreal with fellow Canadian figure skaters Kaitlyn Weaver and Andrew Poje, Eric Radford, Jeffrey Buttle and Joannie Rochette — who introduced Chan to the extreme sport while in Florida recently.

The three-time world champion confirmed last week he was returning to competition after an adventurous year off that included sky diving, surfing and back-country skiing. He even has his own ice wine label, set for release in June.

"I think that (the fun times) will help with my return to skating, to just remind myself that 'Hey, look at how great of a life I have, and skating and the place I finish doesn't affect at all who I am and what I can do with it.'"

Chan didn't dare tell coach Kathy Johnson about sky diving until after he was back on safe ground.

"So that I wouldn't deal with her wrath," Chan said, laughing.

He drew parallels between leaping from a plane and stepping on to the ice.

"Very very frightening," Chan said on a conference call. "The anticipation was very very similar."

Chan stepped away from competition after his silver medal performance at last year's Sochi Olympics. He believes, even had he won gold in Sochi, he would've taken a break.

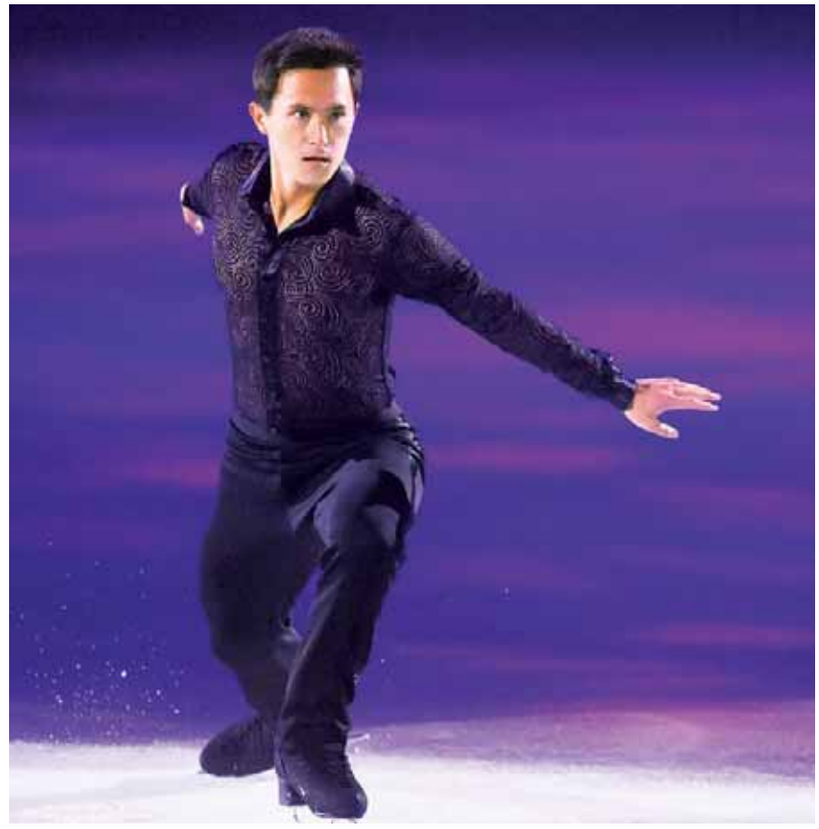
At this point in his career, Chan said he hopes to push boundaries.

"I want to skate a program that I can get off the ice and say 'I'm proud of what I just did,'" he said. "I hope it's something people will look back in years to come, or coaches can play a program to skaters to say 'This is what it takes to be a champion.'

"That's really my goal, not necessarily winning a medal. I think I'm beyond that in my career." THE CANADIAN PRESS

COMPETITION

Chan's return is good news for Canadian men's skating. With Chan out, and Olympian Kevin Reynolds struggling with both skate issues, then a hip injury, 16-year-old Nam Nguyen won the national title and went on to finish fifth at the world championships.



Patrick Chan of Canada plans to return to figure skating after stepping away from the sport following his silver medal at the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia. ATSUSHI TOMURA/GETTY IMAGES

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CHAMPIONS LEAGUE SEMIFINALS

Morata hurts old club Real in first leg

Juve's Stephan Lichtsteiner, right, battles Real Madrid's Marcelo. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Former Real Madrid forward Alvaro Morata came back to haunt his old club as he netted the opener for Juventus on its way to a 2-1 victory over the holders in the first leg of their Champions League semifinal on Tuesday.

Morata, who moved to Juventus after helping Madrid to a record 10th Champions League title, didn't celebrate after scoring. Cristiano Ronaldo became the competition's all-time top scorer with Madrid's equalizer before Carlos Tevez restored Juventus' lead from the spot. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NBA PLAYOFFS

James searching for way to win Bull fight

LeBron James spun a ball on his index finger. As it rotated, his brain seemed to be turning just as quickly. He's plotting his next move against the Bulls.

After losing Game 1 of their Eastern Conference semifinal series to Chicago, James and the Cleveland Cavaliers regrouped on Tuesday to watch film, work on outside shooting and devise a better defensive scheme to stop a pick-and-roll play the Bulls executed to near perfection during their 99-92 victory. James came within one assist of a triple-double, but he wasn't happy with his performance, and with Cleveland missing starters Kevin Love and J.R. Smith, the four-time league MVP knows it's going to be up to him and all-star guard Kyrie Irving to even the series Wednesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Politics and football overlap as Israel and Palestine face off

Israel's Football Association said Tuesday that Palestinians football officials are "injecting politics into sports" by calling on FIFA to suspend the Jewish state from world football. The Palestinian proposal features in FIFA's published agenda for its election congress on May 29. Ofer Eini, president of Israel's FA, said his organization has done its best to assist Palestinian soccer, but that many issues were beyond its control and needed to be resolved at a political level. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Carroll helps Hawks even series as Wizards miss Wall

DeMarre Carroll scored 22 points, Kyle Korver bounced back from a miserable first half and the top-seeded Atlanta Hawks held off the Washington Wizards 106-90 on Tuesday, taking advantage of John Wall's absence to even the Eastern Conference semifinals at 1-1. Wall, who finished out the series opener with an injured left hand, was scratched just before Game 2. Ramon Sessions started in place of Wall and finished with 21 points. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

RECIPE Chicken with Rice, Green Olives and Tomato Sauce

EAT LIGHT AT HOME

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Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 36 minutes
Serving Size: 4

Ingredients
- 3 tsp vegetable oil, divided
- 4 medium chicken quarters cut into thighs and drumsticks
- ¼ cup all-purpose flour
- 2 tsp minced fresh garlic
- 1½ cups chopped onion
- 1½ cups chopped green bell peppers
- 1 cup white rice
- 1 can (19 oz) crushed tomatoes
- 1¾ cups chicken stock
- ½ cup sliced stuffed green olives
- 1 Tbsp drained capers
- 2 tsp dried basil
- 2 tsp chili powder
- 1½ tsp dried oregano
- 1 bay leaf
- ¼ cup chopped fresh parsley or cilantro

Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 400°F. Spray a 13- by 9-inch baking dish with cooking oil.

2. Spray a large non-stick skillet with cooking oil, add 2 tsp of the vegetable oil and place over medium heat. Dust the chicken with the flour. Brown on all sides, about 6 minutes. Add to baking dish.

3. Remove the fat from the skillet, wipe it clean and respray with cooking oil.

4. Add the remaining 1 tsp oil along with the garlic, onion and green pepper and cook, for 4 minutes or until softened.

5. Stir in the rice, tomatoes, stock, olives, capers, basil, chili powder, oregano and bay leaf.

6. Bring to a boil, cook for 1 minute and pour over the chicken. Cover tightly with foil and bake for 30 minutes, stirring a couple of times, until the juices run clear when the leg is pierced at the thickest point and the rice is tender. Garnish with parsley or cilantro.

Nutrition per serving
- Calories 422
- Protein 34 g
- Carbohydrates 76 g
- Fat 10 g

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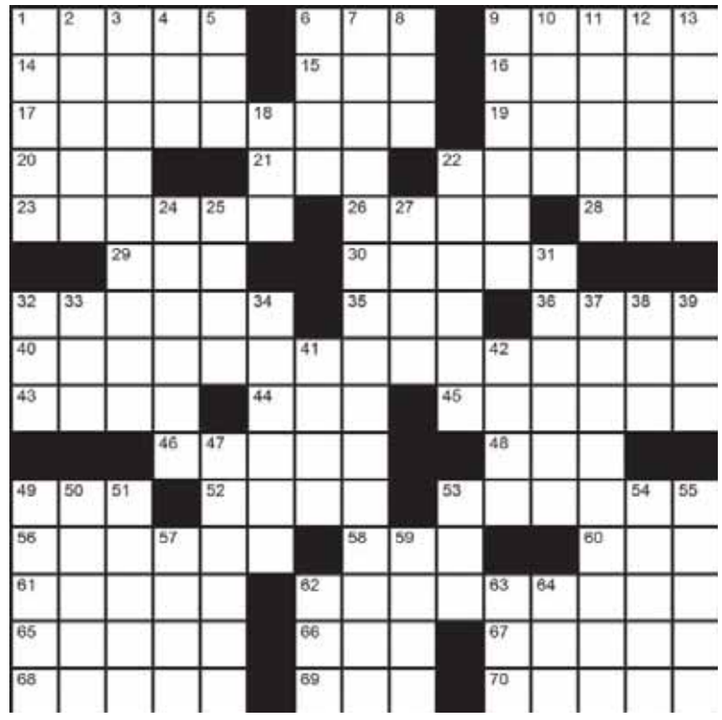
CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



ACROSS
1. 'au lait' beverages
6. Ms. Mendes
9. Travel documentations
14. Gumbo ingredients
15. "Notorious" (1946) setting
16. Bar soap brand, __ Spring
17. Canadian sardines brand
19. Toy truck
20. Louis XIV, par exemple
21. Paul McCartney & Wings song
22. Made a batch of that powdered fruit-flavoured drink, say
23. Sports stadium song
26. Face shape
28. Bard's 'previously'
29. Fee-fi-fo-__
30. Henhouse
32. University in Wolfville, Nova Scotia
35. X - VII = ?
36. Chocolate bar of bubbles
40. Chad Allan, for The Guess Who: 3 wds.
43. San __, Italy
44. Oprah Winfrey's TV network
45. Amidst, to a poet
46. Refreshing, as an idea
48. __-Tac-Toe
49. Energy
52. __ Beach, Florida
53. Van Halen song; or, a famous Canal
56. 2009 James Cameron directed movie
58. Tartan-wearer's turndown
60. "__ of Light" by Madonna
61. Pronounce once more
62. Techie purchase: 2 wds. (Note: Answer has a number in it)
65. Book's li'l lead in
66. __ B (Chooser's two choices)
67. Pirate's secret chest
68. BBQ sizzler
69. "The Graduate"

DOWN
1. Hooded snake
2. Ohio city
3. Place for picking-your-own and picnicking, perhaps: 2 wds.
4. Suffix with 'Jacob'
5. "Hiss!"
6. Fort __, Ontario
7. Setting of Josh Hartnett's series "Penny Dreadful": 2 wds.
8. Perfect
9. Life signs
10. Press
11. Scorch
12. Questioner
13. Hue
18. "The Mary Tyler Moore Show" news station, ___-TV
22. Following of The Way
24. Garth __ (Windsor, ON born member of The Band)
25. Yield
27. Word on a sample cheque
31. Stuff in tea or red wine
32. Egypt's cont.
33. French business name abbr.
34. Billy Idol's "To Be __"
37. A dozen can be found in one of these: 2 wds.
38. CV
39. Meal scrap
41. Washstand container
42. Tad
47. __ Territorial Park, in Nunavut
49. France's capital
50. Happening
51. Cut-and-__
53. Apiece
54. Writer Ms. Binchy
55. Actor, Lew __ (b.1908 - d.1996)
57. Ms. Reid
59. Belonging to May's li'l preceder
62. 'Timely' hit for Matchbox 20
63. "__ be an honour."
64. US firearms org.
70. "Homeland" star Claire
(1967) director ...his initials-sharers

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
Meet up with friends and do things together today. And don't just limit yourself to social activities. Make the world a better place.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
You will get the chance to climb several rungs up the ladder of success over the next few days but there is also a danger that you could slip and fall all the way to the bottom.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Travel and social plans will go well today. News from afar is likely too, perhaps from someone you last saw on less than friendly terms.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Be brutally honest today, both with yourself and with other people. The fact is you don't really care what others think. What you discover over the next 24 hours will affect you profoundly.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
What others are suggesting may sound enticing but before you go along with their plans try to work out what's in it for you and what's in it for them.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You have your doubts about a plan or project that everyone else seems enthusiastic about and if you are smart you will speak up and start a debate.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Do what you feel like doing today and ignore those who say you are doing it wrong or that you should be doing more for other people. The fact is you have done your share and have every right to reward yourself.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Not even a Scorpio can get their own way all the time and you have no option now but to accept that others are calling the shots. Don't waste time complaining.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Go somewhere new and do something different today. The more adventurous you are and the further you travel from your home base the more fun you will have.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
This is generally a positive time for you but you still need to take care where your finances are concerned. Above all you should resist the temptation to spend money on luxuries and other things you know you cannot really afford.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You may be thinking of starting something new but would it not make more sense to finish what you started a while back first? Today's powerful Sun-Pluto link will help you knuckle down and get the job done – finally!

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
You may think that if you don't act fast someone else will beat you to a prize that should have been yours — and maybe you're right, maybe they will — but is it really so important? You don't have to be this competitive.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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